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# Fraternity lawsuit gains new life

## Federal court overturns April 1996 dismissal

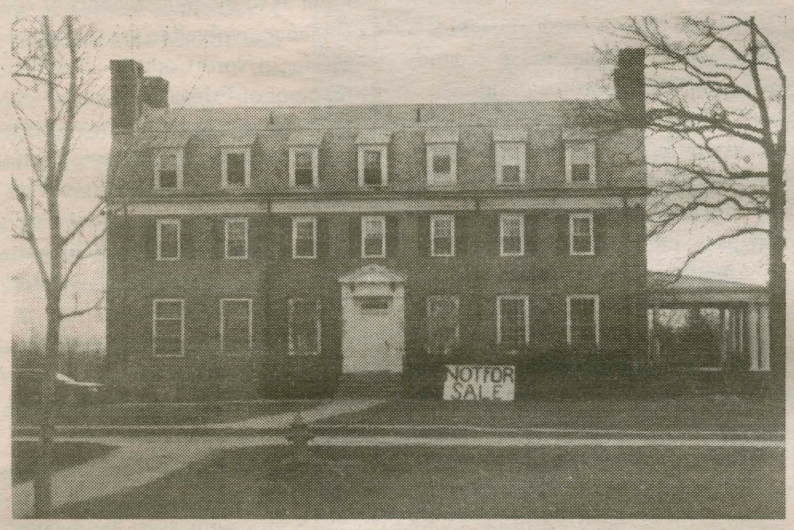
By Peter N. Gaston '99
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A federal appeals board ruling resuscitated the complaint by four fraternities that policies enacted as a result of the 1995 Study on Residential Life violate antitrust laws.

The Manhattan-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed the April 1996 decision of U.S. District Court Judge Rosemary S. Pooler to dismiss the claim. Pooler had ruled that the Residential Life policy involves neither trade or commerce and, therefore, is not subject to antitrust laws set forth in the Sherman Act.

Alumni corporations of Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Sigma Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon initially filed their claim on July 10, 1995 against the College and President Eugene M. Tobin, who is actually named in the lawsuit. The fraternities' appeal to Pooler's ruling was argued on January 21.

In the decision released last Friday, Judge John Gleeson said that at this stage in the proceedings, it is wrong to declare as a matter of law that the Residential Life policy does not effect "trade or commerce."

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**The Alpha Delta Phi House, still not for sale, could be one of the houses affected by the outcome of the lawsuit.**

Gleeson also wrote that the fraternities "provide ample factual details" to support an antitrust claim. "The fraternities' allegations that Hamilton's residential services are regularly performed for out-of-state students and generate significant revenues from those students are sufficient to establish antitrust jurisdiction," Gleeson wrote.

A memo from Tobin sent via e-mail to the community yesterday said that Pooler will probably set a schedule for the case within the next several weeks. An initial hearing near the end of the year or in early 1998 is a likely scenario.

The central issue in determining the sufficiency of a legal complaint – whether the case deserves to be heard – "is not whether a plaintiff will or might ultimately prevail on her claim,

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# Hate suspected in Babbitt lot attack

By Tom Ayres '98
NEWS EDITOR

The community was rocked by its second violent assault in three weeks on Monday night when a lesbian student was hit over the head with a glass bottle by an unidentified male while she was unloading her car in the upper Babbitt parking lot.

The female student, who wished to remain anonymous, was unloading her laundry from the back seat of her car at approximately 10:30 p.m.when the assailant approached her from behind, grabbed the Snapple bottle she had placed on top of the car, and struck her on head.

She walked back to her room where a Resident Advisor friend had stopped to visit. The RA called Campus Safety at 10:54 p.m. One officer responded, deemed the situation a medical emergency, and called the Emergency Medical Technicians, who then decided to have the victim taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Utica. There she was treated for three contusions on the front right temple and released at 1:30 a.m.

Before striking the student, the assailant said, "Nice sticker," referring to the "Celebrate Diversity" bumper sticker on her car. This comment, coupled with the fact that the victim is a prominent member of the gay community, has touched off vocal demonstrations against hate and violence on campus.

The assault drew the criticism from President Eugene M. Tobin, who called it in a campus-wide letter a "hateful, cowardly act that offends every person in this community".

Echoing this sentiment, the Rainbow Alliance, the Womyn's Community Center, and SHARP (Students of Hamilton Against Racism and Prejudice) organized petitions, flyers, and posters throughout the week in and around Beinecke Village to condemn the assault. To show their additional

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# 'Town Meeting' topics include DKE, violence

By Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Community Relations Board held a Town Meeting to discuss campus values and violence on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Events Barn.

Although some faculty members were concerned with the low student turnout for this event, those that did attend were vocal and willing to discuss issues ranging from the recent DKE suspension to the general atmosphere on campus.

Nancy Rabinowitz, Professor of Comparative Literature and member of the Community Relations Board, acted as a moderator.

College Chaplain Jeff McArn spoke first and mentioned Johnny Moses' recent visit as a traditional healer and storyteller who spoke and held a healing ceremony in the Events Barn on Friday, October 10.

"I was moved by the number of

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# Angelou to speak Wednesday

By Kathy Webber '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

This week the College enthusiastically awaits the arrival of Maya Angelou, the Great Names Series featured speaker this semester. Angelou, an award-winning author, poet, educator, actress, and civil rights activist will address the community on Wednesday, October 22, in the Margaret Scott Bundy Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. No admission will be charged, and the public is invited to attend.

Angelou, Reynolds Professor at Wake Forest University, is the author of the best-selling *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now* and three ongoing autobiographies, in-

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SPECTACLES

## All the leaves are brown...

PHOTO BY TOM AYRES '98

**Holly Meigs '98 and Kate Masi '98 make a mess of Physical Plant's leaf removal efforts.**

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# Fong back in Dean of Faculty office

By Matt Brand '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Dean of Faculty office is often passed by, but rarely visted by students.

"It seems like people are looking in, but they're just checking themselves out in the windows," said Erin Doherty '98, who works there.

Residing in this office is Bobby Fong, the Dean of Faculty who returned to campus on Wednesday and resumed his post after a four and a half month hiatus.

Appearing relaxed in his spacious office in Kirner-Johnson, Fong said he is ready to continue the multiple tasks as dean .

"I'm coming back feeling optimitic," he said. "We're doing new and constructive things here."

Fong will certainly have his hands full. Not only does he deal regularly with complex issues such as curriculum adjustment and dispertion of funds for individual classes, but Fong and his office are in charge of greater, long term projects as well.

**Dean Bobby Fong.**

Within his first few years as Dean, Fong introduced a proposal to replace the existing curriculum with a radically different one that would press students to reflect on what they have learned. For example, each student would be required to produce an exhibition which would demonstrate how their education had synthesized.

Fong contended that he did not push the proposal on anyone, but rather wanted to create discussion among the faculty about the pros and cons of such a change.

"By introducing the issue, I started a process that warrants discussion and input from every faculty member," he said. "I think the faculty are energized by such talks."

While Fong was away, David Paris served as interim deam and carried the project forward. The proposal, which draws strong support along with sharp critisism, is now widely discussed issue among the faculty.

The Office of Dean of Faculty is also in charge of laying the groundwork for a new science building.

Considering the massive amount of responsibilities that fall into Fong's lap, it is no wonder he took time out.

"I needed to step back and take a breather," he said.

Fong said he was moved by the support given by the College in his decision.

"The college told me that I was valued here, and urged me to take my time because they wanted me back full force. This felt good."

Fong was inpressed by the work done in his absense. Paris and Doug Wheldon, who will both continue working as assistant deans, took control of the position this summer and handled the tasks deftly, added Fong.

Speaking passionately about topics ranging from the classroom environment to Oscar Wilde (Fong teaches a course in 19th century English literature), it is clear that Fong is glad to be back in his element.

"There's a lot of kindness at Hamilton," he said. "This fact should never be taken for granted or overlooked."

# J-Board hands down sentences for fights

By Tom Ayres '98
NEWS EDITOR

The Judicial Board reached its decisions the past late Monday night as to the punishments of six students involved in the two altercations in North Court and Dunham on night of Friday, September 26.

The eleven member board handed down one expulsion, one suspension, two probations with community service, and two warnings at approximately 3:30 a.m. after two deliberations that lasted more than sixteen hours and involved more than thirty witnesses to the incidents.

Two freshman males received the warnings; the rest of the sanctions were assigned to four sophomore males.

Some witnesses have complained about the time commitment the case demanded. During the two sessions on Thursday, October 9, and Monday, students had to wait long hours in Bristol Campus Center - some for more than five hours - to be called to give their testimony.

"By the end of the trial, I felt like I was the one who had gotten in the fight and was being tried," commented one witness who wished to remain anonymous.

The Kirkland Police Department is still conducting its own investigation into the second fight in Dunham. Assault charges could be brought against one or more of the alleged assailants, depending on whether the three injured students decide to press formal charges.

According to the Student Handbook, the punished students are allowed one week to appeal the decisions to the Appeals Board. The students refused comment as to any future intentions to appeal.

The grounds for appeal to the five member board are limited to substantial new evidence, prejudicial bias in the judicial court or chair, procedural irregularities in the conduct of the original hearing, or excessive sanction in cases of suspension or expulsion.

The Appeals Board can then decide to uphold the original decision, remand the case to the Judicial Board or the dean of students for a rehearing, or modify the decision and/or penalty. Appeal Board decisions are final.

As a correction to the October 10 article on the two altercations, six students instead of seven were brought up on charges. In regards to the Dunham incident, several witnesses placed a fifth male student at the scene, but none were not able to positively identify *him*.

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# Fraternity case dismissal overturne

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but whether she is entitled to offer evidence in support of allegations in the complaint," the decision stated.

Specific to the case, the issue of sufficiency rested on the claim of the fraternities that the Residential Life policy violated antitrust laws. The fraternities claim that the policy – which mandates that students live in College housing and participate in a College meal plan – constitutes a monopoly of residential and food services for Hamilton students.

According to evidence presented by the fraternities to support the antitrust claim, 59 percent of the student body come from foreign countries or other localities outside of New York State, and those students pay a total of $4 million for room, board, and related fees. As a result of the 1995 policy, the fraternities and other private landlords in Clinton will lose approximately $1 million per year, "a substantial portion of which would have been collected from out-of-state students," the decision's case history reads.

"Indeed, the fraternities allege that Hamilton can restrict output and raise prices without losing any students," Gleeson wrote. "That is precisely the vice of a monopoly."

The College gained a dismissal of the case last year based on Pooler's ruling that the Residential Life policy is not subject to antitrust laws because it is, according to the College "entirely noncommercial." She agreed with the College in its assertion that the policy was created for academic reasons and because, as the College claimed, the fraternities' dominance of social life on the Hill was driving away potential female applicants.

However, Gleeson's decisi cited a decision on a case at Brow University that stated, "A benefice objective does not excuse comme cial activities from compliance wi the Sherman Act." In other word the educational motive of the Re dential Life policy does not provi any exemption from antitrust law

Despite the ample discussion the case within the decision, Gleeso noted, "We hold only that the alleg tions are sufficient, and express view on the merits."

For the fraternities, the decisi was a cause for some modest celebr tion. "We are obviously happy wi the decision and we're looking fo ward to moving ahead," said Jam Wackerman, President of the Boa of Trustees of the Beta of Sigma Ph Inc. "We hope the College adopts constructive posture."

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# Phi Beta Kappa elects 10 seniors

Special To The Spectator

In recognition of their high academic achievement in fulfilling the goals and purposes of the College, the Hamilton College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected the following members of the Class of 1998 to membership in Phi Beta Kappa:

***Thomas Russell Ayres, Leah Christy Bridgers, Cassandra Jane Gendron, Salena Sue Hastings, Jennifer Anne Jayne, James Michael Nobis, Amira Rosberg, Emma Leigh Thompson, Robert Christopher Whelan, Robert Matthew Wild.***

Additional elections from the Class of 1998 will be held in the spring.

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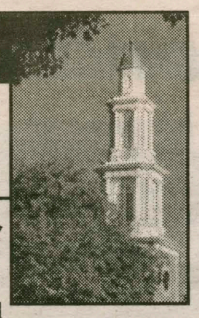

## THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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### Stanford issues apology for band performance

PALO ALTO — Stanford University issued a formal apology to Notre Dame for the content of its marching band's pre-game and halftime shows, performed at the Oct. 4 football game, University President Father Edward Malloy said Wednesday.

During the program that sparked the controversy, Irish people were referred to as "stinking drunks," while the band parodied the Irish potato famine and staged a debate between the devil and a Catholic "Cardinal."

"Our students should know better than to insult others' religion and heritage," Stanford University President Gerhard Casper wrote Monday to Malloy. "The band's purported satire was uncivil and improper."

The marching band has since been prohibited from playing in their home arena when Notre Dame travels to Stanford in November 1999, according to Stanford athletic director Ted Leland.

Malloy accepted the apology and lauded its condemnation of the racial, ethnic and anti-Catholic slurs included in the shows; in addition, he expressed his own strong denunciation of the group's behavior.

"As a community formed largely by Irish-American Catholics, we find the behavior of the Stanford band not merely ... boorish, but personally offensive," Malloy said in a statement.

"Such bigotry — whether directed at Catholics, Jews, the Irish, African-Americans, Native Americans, or any other group — is absolutely unacceptable, especially from a student organization representing an institution that rightfully prides itself on diversity," he added.

The incident in Palo Alto is not the first time Stanford's band has upset the Notre Dame community. In 1991, Malloy barred the school's marching band from the Notre Dame campus, claiming its halftime antics "mocked members of the Catholic faith."

Aware of the existing ban, which Malloy plans to extend *indefinitely*, Stanford said it will not seek permission to bring the performers to South Bend when the football teams clash here in 1998 and 2000.

The band members' immediate response to the controversy was one of confusion, claiming spectators overreacted to what was meant as a mere joke.

"Our field show was meant to poke fun at the Notre Dame mascot and not at a group of people," band manager Scott McKissen told a Knight-Ridder/Tribune reporter.

"Unfortunately, some people took it far more seriously than it was intended."

### Orthodox students file lawsuit

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The four Orthodox Jewish students' civil suit, filed yesterday afternoon in the New Haven U.S. District Court, claimed that Yale's mandatory housing policy violates the students' federal constitutional rights and contractual agreements between the students and Yale.

Naming Yale University, Yale College Dean Richard Brodhead, and Dean of Student Affairs Betty Trachtenburg as defendants, the students' lawyer Nathan Lewin filed a thirty-page list of eight legal claims.

The suit followed weeks of failed negotiations, in which the students decided they were unable to live in the Yale dorms without compromising the modesty their religion requires.

In the suit, Lewin alleged that Yale religiously discriminates against the students by refusing either to grant exceptions to the housing rules or to accommodate the students within the dormitories. He asked the court to abolish Yale's housing policy, and to force Yale to return the students' money and pay the students' legal fees.

Yale Legal Counsel Dorothy Robinson said Yale will probably file a motion to dismiss many — if not all — of the students' claims, but did not specify the filing date.

"They put together a long string of imaginative allegations in an attempt to find a legal theory," Robinson said. "I don't think they've succeeded."

As of yesterday, Yale has retained Stamford lawyer Felix Springer to defend the University.

Lewin and the students refused to comment on the suit. Brodhead and Tractenburg were unavailable for comment late last night.

The students' federal constitutional claims — free exercise of religion, equal protection, due process of law, and right of privacy — are based on the principle that Yale is a state actor, not a private one.

# WORLD NEWS

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### Author Michener dies at age 90

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — James A. Michener, who guided millions of readers from the South Pacific to the fringes of space in giant, best-selling novels, died Thursday at his home of kidney failure. He was 90.

Michener's death came less than a week after he ordered doctors to disconnect him from life-sustaining dialysis treatments.

Harold Evans, president of Random House, which published several of Michener's books, called him "America's storyteller."

"He took enormous delight in satisfying his own intrepid intellectual curiosity, and we are the richer for it," Evans said. "The world was his home, as he entitled his 1992 autobiography."

Said Michener's longtime friend and assistant John Kings: "His loss will be great not only the literary scene but to the many colleges he has nurtured through the years and the many thousands of people who feel he is their friend."

Michener's heralded writing career, which spanned nearly 50 years, began in his mid-life, with "Tales of the South Pacific." The book, written during his tourof duty with the Navy in World War II won the Pulitzer Prize in 1948 and was the basis for "South Pacific," a long-running Broadway musical and later a motion picture.

Michener then spent decades wandering the globe, from Japan and Korea to Hungary, Hawaii, Afghanistan, Spain, South Africa, Colorado, Israel, Chesapeake Bay, Poland, Texas, Alaska and the Caribbean.

He wrote historical-geographic blockbusters, living in and absorbing the culture of the places of which he wrote. His books argued for universal ideals: religious and racial tolerance, hard work and self-reliance.

"I'm not a stylist," Michener said of his writing. "There are a whole lot of things I'm not good at. I'm not hard in dialogue; I don't have that wonderful crispness. I don't think I'm good at psychology. But what I can do is put a good narrative together and hold the reader's interest."

### Reno vows to get FBI assent before donor probes end

WASHINGTON—Atty. Gen. Janet Reno, seeking to assure doubting Republican critics, pledged on Wednesday not to close any matter in her office's multifaceted campaign fundraising inquiry unless she and FBI Director Louis J. Freeh approve.

Despite the unusual commitment of joint personal involvement in the nitty-gritty of a still expanding investigation, Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee repeatedly blistered her at a daylong hearing for failing to avoid a conflict of interest by seeking appointment of an outside prosecutor.

"I find her belief that she has no conflict of interest frankly astounding," Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.), committee chairman, said in setting the tone with his opening statement. "I'm not alone in believing her situation fairly bristles with conflicts of interest."

Reno, noting that she has sought independent counsels to investigate several Clinton administration figures, said that she did so despite unnamed people warning: " 'That's dangerous for you. You might lose your job.'

"I knew I wouldn't lose my job for doing what I thought was right," she told the committee. "But I knew that I was going to do what I thought was right based on the evidence and the law."

### GTE in fight for MCI, offers $28 billion

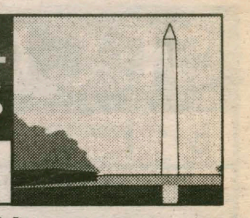
WASHINGTON — Muscling into the biggest takeover battle in history, GTE Corp. offered $28 billion in cash Wednesday for ownership of long-distance giant MCI Communications Corp.

The combination of GTE and MCI would create a telecommunications behemoth with $40 billion in annual revenue and a network that would reach 24 million long-distance and 21 million local customers.

The deal would give GTE the broadest geographic base in the industry, positioning it at the forefront of the booming telecommunications industry, at the same time it has moved aggressively to grab a share of rapidly expanding Internet business.

GTE's bid comes two weeks after little known WorldCom Inc. offered a $29.4-billion stock swap for MCI and an even earlier bid of $20.3 billion from British Telecom.

# NATIONAL NEWS



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### From drought to floods, El Niño bashes Mexicans

MEXICO CITY—First came the searing drought that shriveled the cornfields near Diego Woolrich's farm. Then came the hurricane that hurled sheets of rain across his coffee fields, uprooting and flooding plants.

"We've never had such a tough time as this year," moaned the farmer, who runs a 500-acre plantation near the Pacific resort of Puerto Escondido.

From drought to deluge, Mexicans have been battered this year by severe weather that has caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage while claiming an estimated 400 lives.

Replacing the shattered homes, rotting crops and drowned livestock in the impoverished states of Guerrero and Oaxaca—the worst affected—could take months or even years, experts say. Meanwhile, the El Niño weather phenomenon threatens to cause still further havoc.

"It will take a few years to reach, if not the same level as before, an acceptable situation [in damaged areas]. That's because of the backwardness in these states," said Ismael Aguilar, an economist at the Technological Institute of Monterrey, an institution sometimes called the MIT of Mexico.

Most of the damage was done by Hurricane Pauline, which smashed into Acapulco and the Pacific coast last week.

Pauline was the third and most severe tropical storm to batter Mexico in a month. The government has not yet released damage estimates, but officials are hoping that with only minor damage to hotels, the important tourism industry will not be crippled.

The tempests came after a bone-dry summer in central and southern Mexico caused by El Niño, which is characterized by a warming in the eastern Pacific that causes sharp swings in climate. Some scientists think El Niño also may have contributed to the intensity of the hurricanes, although such storms are common in the Pacific.

### Violence accompanies Clinton visit to Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Groups of youths stoned store and bank windows, lit fires and fought with police in downtown Buenos Aires on Thursday at the end of an otherwise peaceful march by left-wing parties protesting President Clinton's visit.

About 50 youths, their faces covered with bandannas, threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at the windows of several banks and shops. Neighbors extinguished the fires with buckets of water.

Police dispersed the youths with tear gas after they broke windows in several blocks along Santa Fe avenue, an upscale shopping district.

No arrests were immediately reported.

The march was organized by left-wing parties along the avenue in the northern section of the capital, where Argentine President Carlos Menem was scheduled to host a state dinner for Clinton. Marchers, many with Che Guevara T-shirts and carrying red flags, chanted "Clinton get out of Argentina" and burned American flags. Police cordoned off the area.

### U.S. troops prepare for latest Bosnia effort

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia-Herzogovina (AP) — The roads are jammed with armored vehicles, the tents are bursting and it's hard to find a seat in the mess hall at this gritty military base in central Bosnia.

A new contingent of U.S. soldiers is arriving for a mission they've been told will last until June. But few seem to think that this latest move into Bosnia will be America's last.

The extra troops — from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment of Fort Polk, La. — were sent here in the event a round of municipal elections turned sour. About 10,000 American troops are in the region now, but the number will drop back to about 8,500 in the coming weeks as the 1st Infantry Division returns to Germany.

All told, some 35,000 NATO peacekeeping forces are in Bosnia.

NATO defense ministers will decide in December whether to reduce the force. The Clinton administration, facing congressional pressure, says the U.S. mission will end in June. But already administration officials are laying out their case for a new mission to Bosnia beyond that date.

"We swelled because of the elections," said the U.S. commander of Task Force Eagle, Maj. Gen. David Grange. "We could go down some, but not a lot."

# SECURITY blotter

COMPILED BY JOE FREEMAN '00

**OCTOBER 9**

10:15 a.m. A smoke detector set off the fire alarm in Babbitt.

**OCTOBER 10**

4:20 a.m. A smoke detector went off, causing the fire alarm to go off in Bundy West.
8:20 a.m. A fire alarm occurred in Kirkland.
2:10 p.m. Another fire alarm caused Kirkland residents to evacuate.
3:05 p.m. A smoke detector caused the fire alarm to go off in Dunham.
4:55 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency on Minor Field.

**OCTOBER 11**

2:50 a.m. Security responded to a case of criminal mischief on Minor Field.
3:00 a.m. An driver failed to stop at the crosswalk and was charged with reckless endangerment.
10:35 a.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Keehn.
2:50 p.m. A smoke detector set off the fire alarm in Bundy East.
5:30 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Dunham.
6:00 p.m. Security forces descended upon an unauthorized gathering of persons on the Psi Upsilon lawn.

**OCTOBER 12**

3:20 a.m. A smoke detector set off the fire alarm in Dunham.
3:30 a.m. Delinquents broke a window in the Farmhouse.
4:20 a.m. A Bundy East resident objected to the actions of its neighbors and reported a noise complaint.
8:10 a.m. Vandalism was discovered by Campus Safety officers in Bundy East.
1:00 p.m. Burglars were reported to have struck a room in North.
2:20 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency on the football practice field.
3:30 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency on the TDX Field.

**OCTOBER 13**

10:45 a.m. Computer Center officials came in to discover a grand larceny.
1:15 p.m. A smoke detector caused the fire alarm to go off in Milbank.
7:22 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in North.
10:54 p.m. A student reported a physical assault in Babbitt Lot.

**OCTOBER 14**

1:45 a.m. Security discovered an alcohol violation in DKE.
11:15 a.m. A case of vandalism was reported at Chi Psi.
11:25 a.m. Security ran illegal flyer distributors from Carnegie.
4:42 p.m. A smoke detector set off the fire alarm at 3940 Campus Rd.

**OCTOBER 15**

5:25 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency on Minor Field.
7:04 p.m. A smoke detector set off a fire alarm at Griffin Rd. Apartments.
7:18 p.m. The residents of Griffin Rd. witnessed yet another fire alarm.
10:40 p.m. A Babbitt resident reported phone harassment.

# Community condemns attack

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support, students and faculty were asked to wear black clothes with pink triangles on Thursday as symbols of the desire for a safe community.

"It's something that everyone can easily do to show their support," said Sarah Woodson '98. "The black clothes mourn the violent act while the pink triangles symbolize gay pride and the celebration of religious, ethnic, and sexual diversity."

In light of the recent violent altercations in North Court and Dunham, many students have begun to question their safety on campus. Taking advantage of Family Weekend, the groups plan to circulate a flyer to inform parents and students of 30 actions in the past four years considered to be threatening against community members. Over 80% of the instances cited involved women, ethnic minorities, or gays.

"If someone feels that they can get away with hurting a queer they will feel that they have the power to hurt others, too," said LaToya Jackson '98.

"People feel insecure because we've had two serious violent incidents within weeks of each other," said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls. "Students need to realize that safety on campus is a shared responsibility which consists of looking out for one another, using good judgement, reporting suspicious behavior, and coming forward with information."

PHOTO BY TOM AYRES '98

**Concerned students lined the bridge on Martin's Way from sunrise to sunset on Thursday.**

The day after the Babbitt parking lot incident, Campus Safety officials met to review their procedures. Ingalls mentioned possibly changing patrol patterns, increasing the visibility of safety officers, and introducing walking rounds.

Ingalls went to the hospital with a Kirkland Police officer for the purpose of securing a statement from the injured student. The incident is being considered a possible hate crime.

In an attempt to aid in the investigation, pieces of the broken bottle were collected by a student, given to Campus Security, and then turned over to the police for possible forensic testing. The collection of evidence by a non-authorized individual, however, creates a legal problem in that the evidence cannot be used in a court of law because it breaks the chain of evidence. Only police or other civil authorities, by law, are allowed to collect and store evidence. While any fingerprints found on the pieces of the bottle could lead to the identification of a suspect, they could not be used as prosecuting evidence in a criminal trial.

The male fled immediately, but was described as being white and at least six feet tall with short hair. As of yet, no one has come forward as a witness to the attack.

# Values, violence discussed at meeting

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people in the community who were reaching out to one another, and I imagine most didn't know each other already. But we have an unwillingness in this community to move outside the groups we are comfortable with. How do we get beyond the point where we feel we're under attack? At what point can we get past that, and talk about it and be willing to forgive?"

Although the evening was offered as an opportunity to talk about many pertinent issues, the majority of the time was devoted to the DKE incident. Several students voiced concerns about the process by which the suspension punishment was decided. The echoing opinion was that the problem lies not in the final decision itself, but in the fact that it was reached by just two administrators instead of a committee.

"I wasn't sure about the decision coming from one or two people," said Stacey Kutish '98. "I'm wondering why this hadn't been handled by a board."

Others felt that faculty opposition to societies may have influenced the punishment, and raised the question that if the social space and activities that occurred therein had involved by a group of friends instead of a society, might the punishment have been different.

"Societies are being seen as scapegoats and most professors are against the Greek system as a whole," said Meghan Steed '00.

Several faculty members then addressed this issue.

"In this instance, although I am supportive of strippers and this sort of entertainment, it [Tobin's decision] was the proper way to go," said Carole Bellini-Sharp, Professor of Theatre. "Some one person has to take responsibility and move quickly to deem what is appropriate in this situation. Even though we strive toward democracy, no one lives in a pure state of consensus. It was not an event that this community can support, in all fairness to everyone involved."

> **" I want to know why more people aren't afraid to hurt each other. What is going on here? -Carole Bellini-Sharp**

"The DKE incident is unfortunate because the question was never posed, 'Is there something wrong with this?'" President Tobin said. "I felt this type of entertainment should not be brought to this campus, as it is completely antithetical to what Hamilton stands for."

"This is not a question of someone taking an action because it was a fraternity," said Rabinowitz. "Limits need to be drawn. On the whole, the atmosphere here is not tolerable for women."

Bellini-Sharp seemed to summarize the underlying conflict when she posed the hypothetical, "Do fraternities and their ideology represent values that support or work against the Hamilton community?"

The conversation also included thoughts on the state of violence in the Hamilton community and society in general. Several staff members grappled with what they deemed to be students' complacency towards the violent acts that have occurred recently.

"Why are more people afraid not to commit rape, to get drunk, to endanger people's lives in hazing, to hit other people?" asked Bellini-Sharp. "I want to know why more people aren't afraid to hurt each other. What is going on here? Why are we not so afraid to do these acts of violence? I am impassioned about this issue because I want to know an answer!"

"The challenge to the students is that if you see an act of violence, to report it, to make it public," said Sharon Gormley from the Office of the Dean of the Faculty. "We need to pressure the Administration to bring these events into the open.

Rabinowitz also talked about the purple cards distributed by the Community Relations Board that students received in their mailboxes on Monday, and urged for them to be signed and displayed.

"We all need to remember that it takes effort to support each other in this community. The cards will help to create an environment where you see lots of people who support you," she said.

# Community welcomes Maya Angelou to Great Names Series

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cluding *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. She has written five collections of poetry, which have been gathered together in *The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou*. She read her poem, "On the Pulse of Morning," at the 1993 inauguration of President Clinton.

According to Jennifer Potter Hayes, Director of Alumni Affairs, the response to Maya Angelou's visit to the College has been overwhelming.

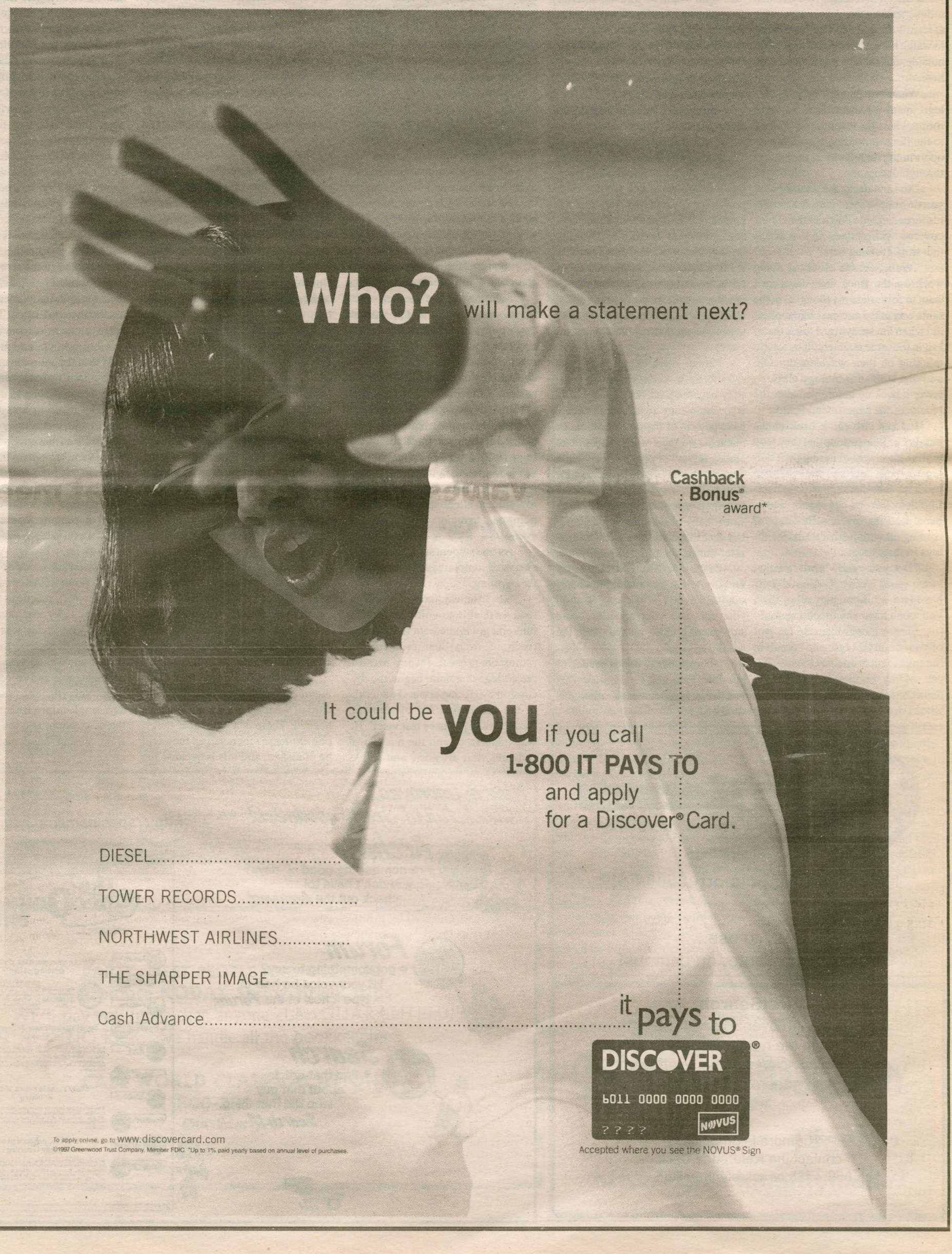
"We expect a capacity crowd on Wednesday," she said. A large section of the Fieldhouse is reserved for members of the immediate Hamilton Community, but after 7 p.m., all seats will open up to the general public.

"We expect to turn people away." Hayes predicted.

There will be a post-lecture reception for students and employees. Because of a limited amount of attendents, those invited will be picked by a lottery run by the Dean of Students office. Any students or employees interested in attending were strongly encouraged to enter the lottery. Those who are chosen will be notified prior to October 22.

Dr. Angelou will also meet with some students on Thursday. Members of a literature class and two history classes have been invited to an informal session with Angelou. She will talk briefly about her writing, then open the class for discussion, questions, and answers.

"Dr. Angelou's visit underscores the intellectual power of a single voice dedicated to social justice and human dignity," President Eugene M. Tobin stated. "Her life and work should inspire and challenge us in our own unremitting pursuit of mutual tolerance, respect and cultural understanding."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# RILEY'S

## Irregular Ramblings

## Fun with the Family

By Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES WRITER

Having your parents visit you for a weekend can be an unusual experience for college students for many different reasons. We live in a unique society during our time here at Hamilton, and it can be interesting to watch the reactions of people from outside that society when they come here.

When our parents went to college, many of them lived in dorm rooms where the furniture was nailed to the floor, providing absolutely no opportunity for individual expression through decoration.

"So explain to me exactly how you do your work at your desk while it's turned upside down in the closet, covered with clothes and -- what's this stuff growing here?"

"Well, see, I'm all about doing work on the floor now, because I want to formulate my thoughts in the same way as the ancient philosophers did when I'm studying. I think that if I sit in the same manner, I'll be totally thinking on their wavelength. Oh, and that stuff's for biology class, so cover it back up before you alter the results of the experiment, Dad."

Parents also think back to the number of possessions that they took with them to school during their college careers, and are overwhelmed by all the accessories that our generation demands for our rooms. However, students are usually adept at coming up with justifications for the toys in their rooms.

"Do you really need another video game system? You already have two, so if you play all of them you won't have any time to study."

"These games exercise the part of your brain that reacts to stimuli in the environment unconsciously. The part of my brain that responds to them consciously is the part that I use when I'm sitting in class or studying. You don't want my brain to get out of balance, do you? I'll be some kind of freak with a lopsided head, and I'll have to grow my hair long again. I know you don't want to see that, Mom."

"You want to hire an interior decorator to coordinate the colors in your room? How is anything going to coordinate with these bright yellow walls and the tacky wood furniture, and why do you even need to have someone try?"

"Mom, if I have a hooked-up room I'll have better self-esteem, which will make me work a lot harder. Trust me, I just learned about this in psychology, it's all about using positive reinforcers. If you get my room professionally wallpapered and arranged, I'll feel positive about myself, and that feeling will shine through in my work. Also, I bet that if I live in a color coordinated room I'll be much better at putting shades of color together in my painting class. You don't want me to have worse taste in colors than my classmates, do you?"

Parents often expect their children to go to college and immediately become hard-core intellectuals who listen only to classical music, have posters of the periodic table of elements on their walls, and smoke classic flavors of pipe tobacco while they ponder the topic of their senior thesis. They may be dismayed to see that their son or daughter still treasures many of the things and activities that they condemned as "immature" during their high school years.

"You still listen to that crazy music and eat chocolate strawberry sandwiches? You're going to spoil your ears and your appetite. And stop playing video games while I'm talking to you."

No response to this is needed or possible. Families, try to ignore what you have to about each other this weekend.

# Town Meeting raises DKE issue

By Emily Hill '01
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Everyone in the community got the e-mail from Nancy Rabinowitz, chair of the Community Relations Board, in regard to the Town Meeting in the Beinecke Events Barn on Monday at 7:30 p.m., but those who attended did not by any means reflect the number of students or faculty who received the message.

While many DKE brothers were there, as well as about two dozen other students and several faculty, a huge part of the Hamilton community was clearly not represented. This sparse turnout was not what the Community Relations Board had in mind when they decided to sponsor the event. The Board called the meeting titled "Campus Values/Campus Violence," in an attempt to provide an open forum of discussion concerning the three major issues that have taken place so far this semester: the suspension of DKE, the fight between some freshmen and upperclassmen, and the recent prohibition of smoking in Cafe Opus.

Rabinowitz, the moderator of the meeting, stated that it was an opportunity for students to come out and freely express their feelings or reactions to the incidents, for a great deal of tension was said to exist on campus at the time. The main goal of the Board is essentially to "increase human decency on campus," explained Rabinowitz, and the meeting was held "to talk about our values in the face of violence." Therefore, it was understandable why the low student attendance was a disappointment to many who planned the event.

As one student said, "It is ironic everyone complains and then doesn't do anything."

Nevertheless, those who did attend were able to voice their opinions and get immediate feedback or reactions from their peers or the professors present. Jeffrey McArn, the college chaplain, began the discussion by talking about the success of the meditation led by spiritual leader Johnny Moses last week. He was impressed with the number of students who attended and thinks that such an open, diverse group is a rarity on campus. McArn believes that type of group is what's lacking at Hamilton, and if it occurred on a more regular basis, such a diverse gathering would help everyone "to get beyond the point where one is under attack, and be able to forgive."

At this point in the meeting someone brought up the DKE issue, and the conversation shifted entirely to a discussion of the fraternity suspension. One student felt that "the DKE incident was handled like a dictatorship, because only two people decided to suspend the society." She would have felt better if there had been a committee or at least several more people involved in the decision. Her opinion echoed the thoughts of many other students present, including many DKE brothers. The point that was raised repeatedly, whether by a brother or another student, was that the decision was not made in a democratic way. One DKE brother remarked, "If you want to promote equality and fairness one person should not make such a rash decision." He was followed by another brother who said, "it establishes a dangerous precedent if only one person is making decisions."

President Eugene Tobin tried to explain his action by saying that he understood rights had been violated. Due to the fact that every fraternity has a special relationship with the college, in terms of being supported by the board of trustees, Tobin had the right to suspend the fraternity if they violated any rules. He wondered why no one had asked the question "Is it wrong?" of the fraternity's actions, and questioned the acceptability of such behavior on an academic campus. Other than this, Tobin did not elaborate on why exactly the decision was made, and in talking to people afterwards, they felt the procedure question was never clearly articulated.

Another point made by a DKE member was that "a more clear standard of what is lewd and indecent is needed. There is a lot of fear that if one expresses themselves they will be punished, and this is because the standard is so unclear." Nancy Rabinowitz responded to this is by saying that the crucial questions are first, what are the limits, and second, what are ways the limits should be realized. In this case the limits refer to what type of entertainment etc., should be allowed on campus. Carole Bellini-Sharp, professor of the theater, spoke as an "advocate for freedom of speech." She believed that while strippers themselves are an admissible form of entertainment, this was not an event that was acceptable on the Hamilton campus, since it is an academic community.

The topic then shifted to a discussion of the rights of women, and how DKE may have violated them when they hired two female strippers who simulated sexual activities. This further opened the discussion, and many ideas were argued, notably the fine line between freedom of expression and campus values. One professor remarked that there is a very gradual desensitization when the brothers engage in certain entertainment or behavior; it can ultimately negatively impact their outlook on women, even if on a subconscious level. The issue of how structures influence people was also brought up, and Bellini-Sharp held that the ultimate question was "Why aren't people afraid to commit violence?"

The meeting was finally concluded with a professor's point that any problem that occurs at Hamilton needs to be brought to the public eye immediately and then acted upon swiftly and fairly, as this is the only way change or improvement will occur on campus. While many questions were left unanswered, they were at least brought out into the discussion and could be reflected on by all present. Afterwards, in getting people's reactions to the meeting over cider and doughnuts, the general consensus was that it was definitely beneficial that the DKE suspension was addressed and many brothers came and voiced their opinions. Nevertheless, many felt that that single topic had monopolized the discussion, and the issue of the fight should have also been discussed.

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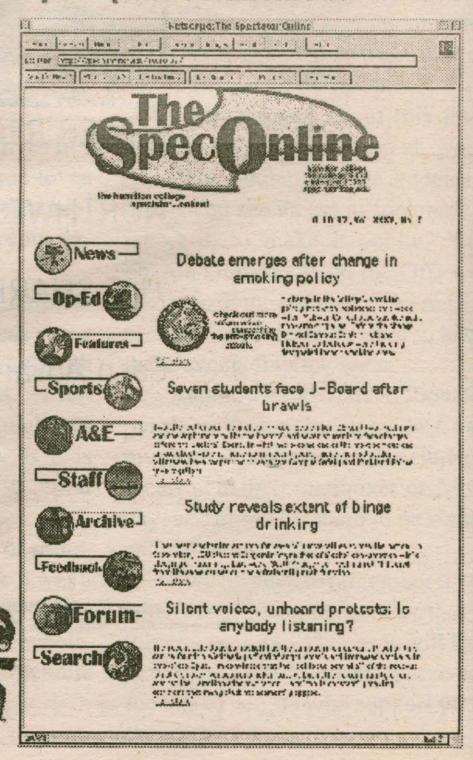


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# FACES IN THE CROWD

## Simha Ravven '98

By Shauna Wreschner '00
FEATURES WRITER

The life of Simha Ravven '98 is the sort of thing you would expect to read about in a old novel. As a student in high school and at Hamilton, Ravven has explored the world and her own talents with a set of fresh eyes and a realistic attitude.

Ravven attended high school outside Boston at the Cambridge School of Weston while living with her grandfather. In what she terms a "progressive school" Ravven focused her attention on the arts and English, and feels her experience at the school was a good one. Ravven recalls among the extra-curricular activities she enjoyed there she, "served as a student representative to the board of trustees and co-founded a gay-strait student alliance."

While at Hamilton, Ravven took a leave of absence during her sophomore year and received a scholarship to attend the School of Visual Arts in New York City. She stayed in an apartment in Jersey City and commuted into New York on a daily basis. While attending the School of Visual Arts she focused in on " figurative sculpture" and "anatomy study," which involved drawing and sketching bones and musculature.

Ravven also spent a summer studying at the famous Rhode Island School of Design, which she enjoyed though she felt the school focused too much on the technical aspects of art. Between these two experiences Ravven decided to return to Hamilton because she felt art school was "too specific an education" and she would be better equipped after graduation from college with a liberal arts degree.

Ravven spent her junior year abroad in Israel, which she feels was an eye-opening experience. At first she stayed on a kibbutz (a place where several families make up a community that lives communally, usually in a rural farm-like setting) which was almost entirely founded by North Americans that settled in Israel.

Ravven split her time between attending Hebrew classes at the University of Haifa and working on the kibbutz, where each member performs a specific duty. Ravven worked the cotton fields at 4 a.m. (to escape the unbearable sun) and worked in the laundry. "It was an interesting experience. It was difficult because I saw how hard it was to live in a struggling community and how hard it is for people to get along under that kind of pressure."

Kibbutz Mizra, where Ravven spent the rest of her time in Israel was almost entirely opposite from the American kibbutz. Mizra is a much larger, older, and better established community which was mostly Israeli. Ravven also had family at Mizra and describes her life there as very different from the life she had at the first kibbutz.

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Currently Ravven is involved in the Middle Eastern Alliance at Hamilton and is very excited about their first event. The Alliance will be holding an "Arabian Nights Dinner," an evening focused on Middle Eastern food and music.

Ravven is also one of the two meal planners at the Keehn Co-op with George Zaleski '98, and says she enjoys planning theme weeks. These weeks have included: Dadaists, Fascist Leaders, Simmy's Paper Topics and George's Revolution.

Simha Ravven is a woman of many facets and talents: an artist, a chef, a scholar, and much more. Don't be surprised if in a few years you find an exhibit of her work in the Museum of Modern Art, or hear of her bettering the lives of people around the world.

# Classics lecture covers social reform past & present

By Clara McAuley '00
FEATURES WRITER

The Classics Department on Wednesday afternoon welcomed guest speaker Professor Trevor Fear from SUNY Buffalo to the Beinecke Events Barn for a look into the social structure of life under Roman Emperor Augustus. Professor Fear's lecture, "No sex, please, we're Augustans," was taken from his dissertation, "Love's Economy: Poets, Pimps, and Prostitutes in Roman Elegy." The lecture's title was a modified version of that of the play "No sex, please, we're British," which originally opened on June 3, 1971. The play was not well received by American audiences; a New York Times critic felt that it played on "cultural stereotypes."

Overall, the play, an intended comedy, was seen as lacking the humor that it was supposed to convey. Fear parallels unusually stiff upper-lipped British to the Augustans because of the construction of severe sexual morality during two phases of their respective histories -- Queen Victoria's rule and the Empire under Augustus.

Fear compared Augustus to Bob Dole in that they both promoted social reform. Adultery, prostitution and childlessness made Augustus nervous about the stability of society, because he perceived the fall of the family as the primary cause of the destruction of Roman culture. A distinct parallel was drawn between the ideals of the first Roman Emperor and a specific key-note address presented by Dole. In the address Dole stressed the detrimental effect that the devastation of the "American family" is having upon society.

Fear focused on the avenues for social order which Augustus took to enforce organization in the community and strength in families. Augustus was concerned with implementing models from the past into his empire. He felt that the traditional views of both sex and marriage were those that were best suited for his social reform plans.

For example, it became customary for people of equal class to marry long before Augustus was around. But the Emperor put other mandatory credentials into arranged marriages -- free men could not marry prostitutes and a divorce was called for when men discovered that their wives were not being faithful. If a man, under Augustus' policies, allowed his wife's infidelities to go on without divorcing her, he was branded as a pimp.

Augustus has been hailed as a man who "appeared to be walking backwards into Rome's past, but he was really walking towards the future." Whenever a leader seeks reform by emulating the past, that individual fails to grasp the main stream trends that inevitably draw society forward into the future. Augustus's reactionary movement called for radical state intervention; it's included citizens' public lives and reached even into their bedrooms.

Adultery was placed in the same level of atrocity as murder or treason. People could be justifiably killed for participating in extramarital sex if they were caught in the act. No opportunity for forgiveness was present under Augustus's new laws.

In addition, people who married and failed to procreate were penalized. Not having children was considered a criminal offense because, in effect, single and childless people did little for Roman imperialism. How was an empire to continue spreading its influence if its population was not increasing at an equal or greater rate than necessary for expansion?

Not much has changed from the Roman Empire until now in respect to how we view sex. We are still fascinated by taboos: just look at how much attention Cathy Lee Gifford got when her husband decided to sleep around, or the attention that Bill Clinton received when he was suspect of being an unfaithful husband -- the press and many Americans were greedy for all the lurid details of both alleged affairs.

To many, then and now, adultery is an erotic game. There is an inherent drive in human nature to rebel and deviate from what is "allowed" or "expected" because, admittedly, it can be enjoyable. Augustus's daughter, Julia, figured this out for herself just before she was exiled for five years. After her father addressed his empire on the importance of the family structure and the maintenance of social order, Julia could not resist the chance to consummate her relations with one of her many male companions.

So it seems a timeless phenomenon that leaders and reformers should attempt to control and regulate the morality of their people. But since it is impossible to legislate any type of morality, we must be satisfied with a faint smile when others describe the perfection of conduct, sexual or otherwise, in the past. Let them think what they will; we know the truth.

# Dorsey addresses hot topic of diversity

By Genevieve Hower '00
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

Diversity is a buzz-word that seems to be on everyone's lips these days. Whether it is diversifying the campus, or celebrating diversity in your own small way, the fact is that diversity is a hot topic. Diversity was the topic of Professor Joseph Dorsey's lecture sponsored by the Black and Latin Student Union on Wednesday night. Entitled "African Dimensions in Latin America," Professor Dorsey's lecture focused on the problems that blacks encounter in Latin America, which is a much more diverse area than many people realize.

The first issue addressed was just how much the issue of racism in Latin America is ignored, both by the people who live there and by the international community. As Americans, we look at the problems with race relations in the United States and almost ignore the problems in other countries. We tend to think of ourselves as the only country that has problems of this sort. However, 90% of all Africans brought to the Americas as slaves ended up in areas outside the United States. A statistic like this speaks for itself. Obviously, other countries could be having the same problems that the United States is facing.

But when you look at the problems in Latin America, the United States can seem downright enlightened. Professor Dorsey made the example that in Brazil, there are no wealthy, successful, or even middle class blacks. "What about Pele?" was the next question. It seems that in Brazil, if a black person becomes successful, it is only because he or she is not really black. Brazilians assume that they must be mulattos. If they are really successful, then they are seen as white. So, to Brazilians, Pele is not black; he is successful, so he must be white. Professor Dorsey went on to explain that, not only are there these issues of discrimination, but there is also no kind of movement to promote pride in African heritage in Latin America. African ancestry is seen as an obstacle to be overcome,

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# Community responds to recent act of violence with activism

By Sarah Byrne '00
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For the past week Hamilton has been working to clean-up the campus in preparation for Family Weekend. Most upperclassmen couldn't help but crack a cynical smile upon seeing workers from physical plant attempting, in vain, to blow each and every fallen leaf from the now well-manicured lawns. But lately more evidence has been provided that Hamilton cannot just sweep all its problems away. This was affirmed by the violent act of hatred perpetrated against a homosexual student on Monday night (see story page 1).

A group of concerned students and friends of the victim attended the scheduled weekly faculty meeting Tuesday evening to voice their dissatisfaction with the administration's handling of past incidences of violence on campus. Issues of policy, societies, underage drinking and discipline were discussed at the meeting. The faculty came out in strong support of dealing speedily with issues such as the recent acts of violence committed on campus. One of only two students to speak at the meeting, Karlen Chase '99 made an emotional appeal to the faculty with her statement that teachers have the power to shape minds. One staff member suggested that perhaps professors should live among students, as they once did, in the faculty apartments. Another staff member replied that students must take a stand in the issues of violence on campus themselves. The task of dealing with Hamilton's problems should not be fully laid upon the administration and faculty; students, faculty and staff should work together as a community to solve the community's problems.

Issues of policy were also discussed. The administration clarified the roles of the Judicial Board, the Honor Court, and Dean of Students Janis Coates in the distribution of punishment. The Dean of Students may suspend students temporarily, while investigations are pending; only the Judicial Board or the Honor Court may suspend or expel a student. One attendee of the meeting suggested that the normally secretive proceedings of the Judicial Board or the Honor Court should be made public in an attempt to shame perpetrators. Overall, the students and many of the faculty members that attended the meeting expressed dissatisfaction and frustration with the lack of substantive results. Associate Professor of Classics Shelley Haley remarked that, "I would not send my child to Hamilton College...it is time to stop the bulls**t and start getting things done."

And that is exactly what a group of active students did. Later Tuesday night a meeting was held to discuss possible ideas to stop the "homohate, violence and stupidity that this campus seems to be plagued with," as written in the email that went out to all SHARP (Students of Hamilton Against Racism and Prejudice) members. Kyle Harris '00, co-chair of SHARP, and Elisabeth Colvin '98, co-chair of the Womyn's Community Center, mediated the meeting. The meeting began with Harris reading from a list of goals of activism. The main goals discussed were education of the community and unity.

Next a letter written by John Farranto '00 was read to the group. Farranto encouraged the group to work to educate the community, but to stay away from angry mob mentality. Farranto advocated a type of activism that would not alienate the heterosexual community, but would bring the entire campus together to show past and potential perpetrators that their actions are not acceptable.

LaToya Jackson '98 spoke out saying that, "If someone feels that they can get away with hurting a queer they will feel that they have the power to hurt others too. This is only the seventh week of school and it's already the third major act of violence." Jackson suggested that this Family Weekend was the perfect opportunity to educate parents and to make them worry about their children.

Leah Bridgers '98 chimed in with a comment on the administration's role in the violent acts occurring on campus. Bridgers admitted that the administration has obviously not created these crimes, but she said that blame should fall upon the administration when "there are not going to be any repercussions when they commit these crimes." Bridgers went on to say that it is the culture that allows such horribly hateful crimes to go on: "It is the culture that creates this atmosphere."

Nadia Sangster '00 advocated stricter penalties for perpetrators of violent acts. Sangster cited that a possible reason for witnesses not coming forward was the ease with which most accused offenders "get off." Stricter penalties may encourage witnesses to come forward if they know that something will actually come of the sacrifice they may have to make to come forward.

Francine Delgado '99 spoke next saying that, "Our end goal is not stricter punishment but education." Delgado insisted that since we are at an institution of higher learning we should employ this education to eradicate hatred and ignorance.

One student advocated a united support system. He pointed out that many times people our age are influenced by the people around them because they do not know how to act. A support system could help to encourage witnesses to come forward.

Another student remarked that the "administration seems afraid to go ahead and punish sometimes...they act too harshly on some issues and too lightly on others." Yet another student joined in the discussion, adding that publicizing the names of offenders could act as a deterrent.

Area Coordinator Christa McKechnie advocated accountability, while a "Scholar in Residence" suggested that the group "make the attackers feel like the minority." Chris Leonardi '98 spoke on the "necessity to form a community." He said that "punishment doesn't work. We must establish a moral fabric."

Erica Weissinger '98, president of Gamma Xi, reminded that group not to stereotype the Greeks; "reverse discrimination is just as bad," she said after an apparent reference to DKE and the fraternity's recent suspension.

In an attempt to steer the discussion back on course Stephanie Dorenbosch '00 said, "We can't get caught up in abstractions. We must start with concrete facts." Another student suggested that Family Weekend presents the perfect opportunity because it is important to administrators. "How can this potential be harnessed?" he asked.

Francine Delgado spoke next. She pointed out that there are "different levels at which we can take action." Delgado told the group that no one should feel uncomfortable to say "This is my limit."

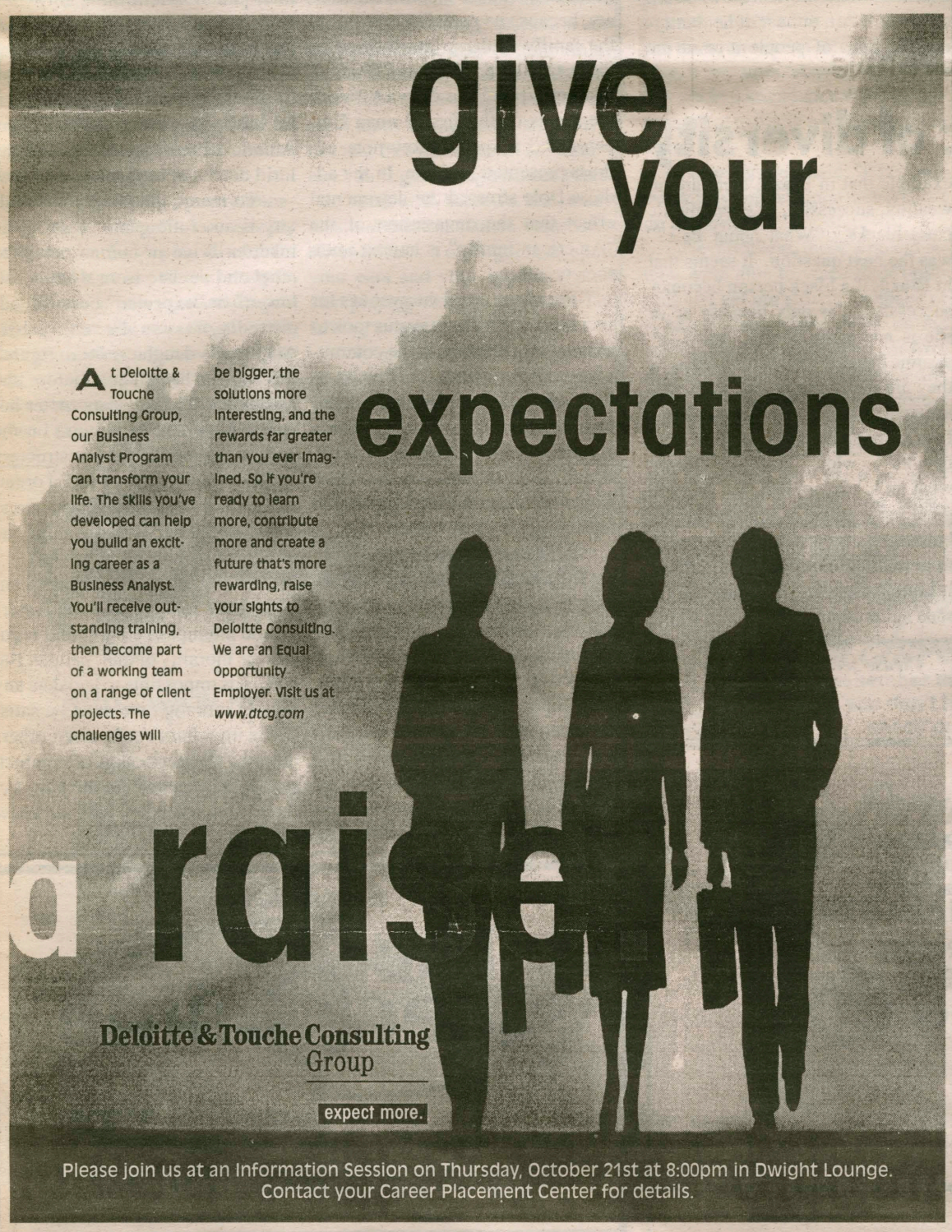
Sarah Knapp '99 brought an idea for a silent protest "to show our absolute intolerance and abhorrence of the violence" to the floor. "There are over eighty six people here," remarked Knapp. If each of the people at the meeting brought a friend to a silent protest the silence would be deafening. Though some thought the idea inventive, it was promptly shot-down by Karlen Chase: "Silence equals death. It doesn't inform or educate."

Stacy Kutish '98 advocated a proactive stance. She suggested that the group work together to produce a "reflective and commerative work to show parents what's happened over the last four years."

Jannett Matthews '99 told the group to "flood your R.A.s with ideas -- they can get to the administration. Use as many resources as you know how." Liz Brooks '98 asked that everyone at the meeting "leave with the responsibility that you're going to do something."

Leah Bridgers '98 told the group to "stop being afraid to be so radical. Get people talking." The overwhelming response was that if anything too radical was done the majority of the campus would not support the group; the group would be working counter to its original goals of unity and education if it alienated the rest of the campus. You cannot educate if no one is willing to listen.

The group decided that the best plan of action would be to educate students and their parents this weekend through a barrage of posters, flyers, and protests. One of the final comments before the meeting came to a close was that we must show students and parents that "violence affects every single person on this campus." And in such a small community as Hamilton, it does.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## Lecture addresses diversity

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not something to take pride in. Apparently there is no Latin American equivalent of "Say it loud, I'm black and I'm proud."

The overall point of the lecture was to spread the information that problems with race relations are not unique to the United States. Hearing about the problems in other countries can help us to understand our own problems a bit better. "For those of us who are interested in seriously examining issues of race in this country, we must look at how they are carried out in other countries," said Professor Dorsey at the end of the lecture. It is certainly true. As Americans are beginning to realize more and more, we do not exist in a vacuum.

**Attention Writers!**
**If you would like to write for Features, contact Features Editor Sarah Byrne at x1056 or email sbyrne.**

# Mr. Gnu

YO MR. GNU WHAT'S UP?
TONY THE TOILET TROUT! YOU TOLD ME YOU QUIT SMOKING!
WHO ARE YOU? MY MOTHER?
I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO GET LUNG CANCER TONY!
I DON'T HAVE ANY LUNGS YOU DUMBASS! I'M A FISH!
OH YEAH!

# CROSSWORD

## Campus Crossword

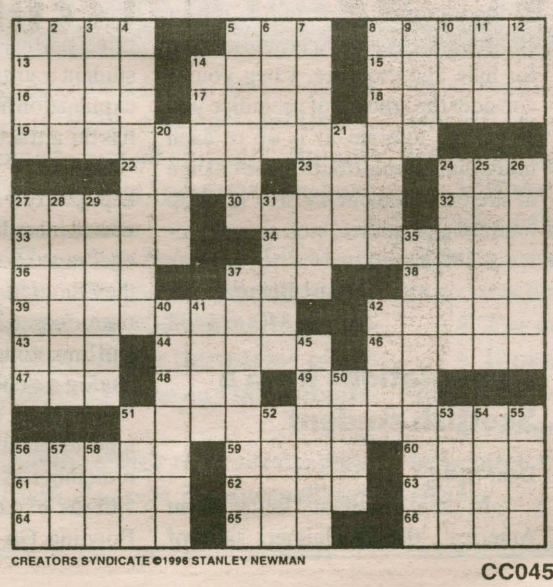
ANTE UP by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

1 The two
5 Small bite
8 Barter
13 Creme cookie
14 __ Alto, CA
15 Sponsorship
16 Beige
17 "Who __?" (knock response)
18 Limas and soys
19 Rant and rave
22 "__, *Brute?*"
23 Hockey great Bobby
24 Flightless bird
27 Texaco rival
30 __ worse than death
32 German surname starter
33 Navigation aid
34 Weather-map line
36 Seed covering
37 Wager
38 Theater grp.
39 Landed, as a trout
42 Slammin' Sammy
43 Traveler's stop
44 Actress Radner
46 Confound
47 Army bunk
48 Hair goo
49 Jacob's wife
51 Cruise game
56 Make happy
59 Hurler Hershiser
60 Waikiki party
61 Radio and TV
62 Camera eye
63 Faucet fault
64 Cutlass or épée
65 __ Moines, IA
66 Rational

**DOWN**

1 Afrikaner
2 Killer whale
3 Garr or Hatcher
4 Doctor's visit
5 New Hampshire city
6 Nastase of tennis
7 Braised beef
8 Type of stool
9 Atoll barrier
10 Turkish official
11 Racket
12 Double curve
14 Brad of *Seven*
20 British prep school
21 "__ take arms against a sea of troubles": Shak.
24 Tied (up)
25 Human
26 Sloppy, like a bed
27 Visigoth king
28 Actress Rita
29 East Asia
31 Devil
35 Climber's grips
37 Wallet
40 Intellectual
41 God: Fr.
42 Swedish car
45 Funt and Drury
50 Morays
51 Agitate
52 Set loose
53 Ambiance
54 April forecast
55 Fool
56 El followers
57 Ayres or Wallace
58 Fuss



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-Erica Weissinger '98

"I meant to say 'no', but instead I said 'sure, go ahead'."
-Anonymous

## PERSONALS

Side Show Bob-
Who's Eric Picarro? Wrong boy on the bike! You can keep him!
-Girl on Martin's Way

Sunshine-
You have proven that men can also have P.M.S. Stop being so moody because it's getting annoying. Go jump right now!
-Feta

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# EDITORIAL

## Do it yourself

Enough. Enough. Enough. The campus is out of hand, and little more than a change of attitude can put it back into the hands of its rightful owners: the students. Forget the culture of violence, forget the democratic college we all thought we were attending, forget the administration. We define Hamilton.

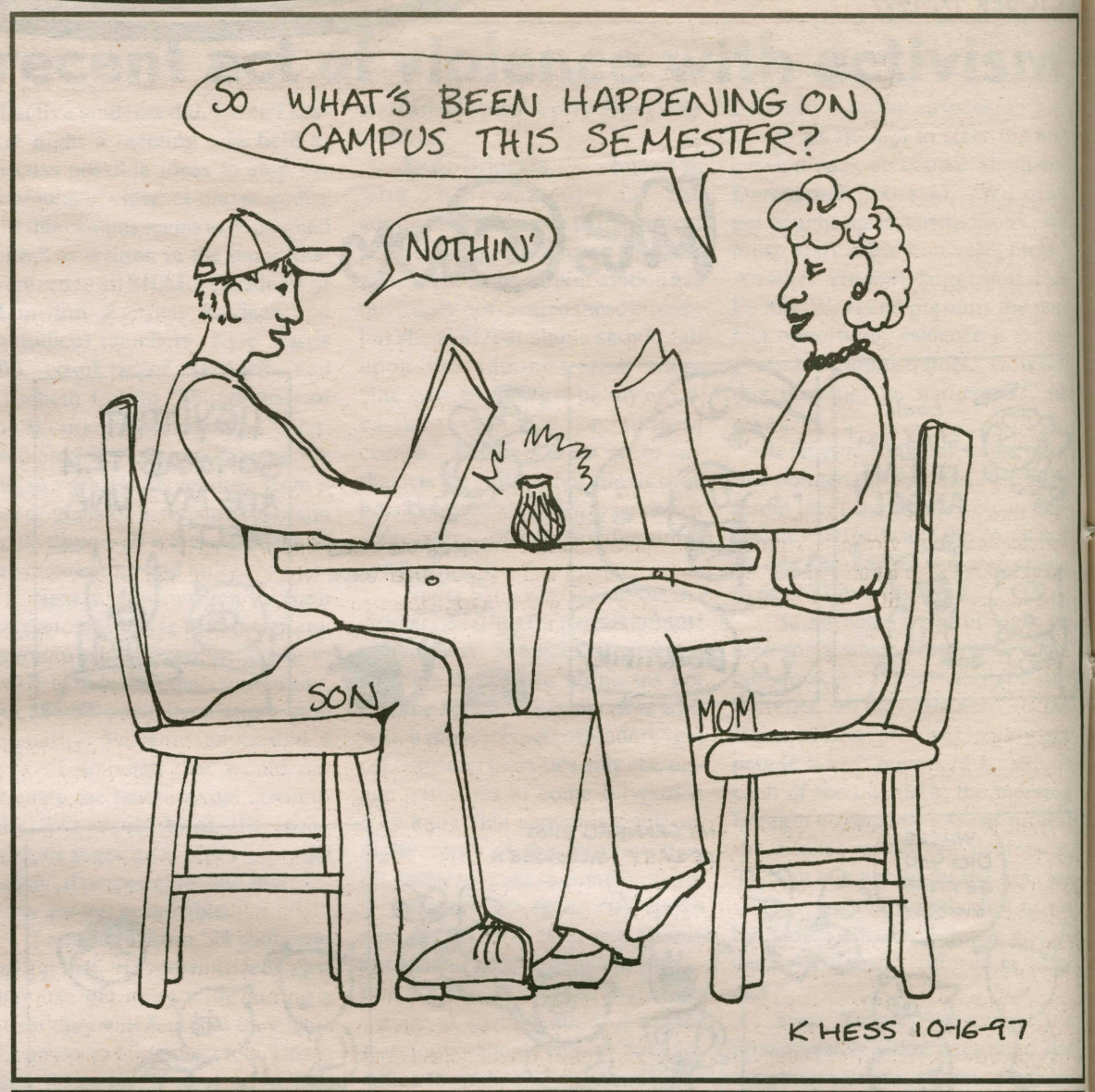
So lets ask ourselves: is this the Hamilton we want? Just a few years ago Hamilton was a really great place, and it still is, but we've allowed ourselves to be pushed out of the driver's seat. Now you may think that the administration is running the show. Fine. They have enacted some nasty policies in past years, but every year they receive hundreds of $30,000 checks — from us.

Perhaps you think that President Tobin and the administration may be trying to force upon us a hopelessly idealist set of morals. As moral as they want us to be, we still have our own beliefs, and strong voices with which we can express them. If you want to be a bigot, a racist or a homohater, who is to stop you. Better yet, speak up — we are mature enough to deal with contention, its the violence that has got to stop. If you're going to hate, and there is no reason you should, remember that we will not stand for acts of physical violence. Roll the dice if you dare to, but you will pay the price. There are a lot of people out there who are tired of this ridiculuous violence.

This is about us. If we do not want violence on this campus, we have to make it so, because the Judicial Board and the administration only operate in a reactionary mode. It takes very little to encourage each other to act in a way consistent with our beliefs. So what is the first step? Communication. Every conversation on this campus brings us one step closer to the level of understanding that will slowly eradicate violence and active hatred from our community.

Remember that the individuals responsible for violence on our campus are students, our classmates, maybe even our peers. It is imperative that these people are made to feel unwelcome and unwanted, and that they are encouraged to leave. Some of us think it is not our business to intervene. If you know who is responsible for the attack this week it is your duty to take action. If you know someone who has information about this incident, it is your duty to encourage him/her to come forward.

We like to consider ourselves to be part of this enigma that is the Hamilton community. If we cannot control ourselves, there is no community and we should all be embarrassed and ashamed to call ourselves Hamilton students. Prove to yourself and to your peers that you belong here.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A breeding ground for hate and violence?

Dear Editor,

We were shocked, scared, hurt and outraged to learn of the assault Monday night on another Hamilton student, a queer, a friend.

Why are actions like this happening at Hamilton College? Many of us have thoughts as to why, but the answers do not involve a change which each of us can take to make Hamilton a safer place.

Violence, hate and marginalization continue to exist as a part of Hamilton's climate. Because our community provides tolerance and acceptance of prejudice, the climate continues to be perpetuated with heinous actions. You probable do not think you are a part of this perpetuation, but you are! Every time a discriminatory word is spoken by a person in your conversation, and you do not question or challenge what they are saying, you tolerate, and thus accept their prejudice.

The large amount of tolerance and acceptance of prejudice in our community is the breeding ground for hate and violence. I beg you to consider the amount of prejudice you choose to tolerate. It is up to each individual to contribute to the change of the environment we live in. Stop tolerating prejudice, stop acts of violence and hatred.

**Matt Berman '98**
**Vanda Miková '98**

## Lamentations from a Scottish student

Dear Spec,

In their excellent "Letter From America", the Proclaimers sang of the Scottish settlers in America and the land they missed so dearly: "Sutherland no mo-ore, Skye no more." It was probably fitting that barely two days after returning home to Scotland, I found myself driving over the blustery, sheep-strewn single-track roads to these two most barren and beautiful areas of Scotland, and realizing properly that I was really home. Hollywood did a pretty good job in "Braveheart" of portraying the stark beauty of the Highlands (the rain even falls a wee bit to one side, in case you were wondering), yet no camera can do justice to the breath-taking views which surround you in this part of the world. You just have to be there to appreciate the view from the remote Isle of Raasay, quite literally "over the sea to Skye."

From this spot of isolation I found myself only days later in the throngs of Fresher's Week, or Orientation Week for those of us whose livers were untainted during our first week "On the Hill". As expected, compared to Hamilton's very own "Dry" week, Fresher's week here at Newcastle positively swims in a brew of drinks, night-club promotions, parties and the most famous of student traditions, the Pub-Crawl (no explanation needed I fear). Newcastle has the attraction of being the 8th best "Party City" in the world, so we're kept pretty busy in that regard. This was an incredibly sociable week, with everyone meeting more people than they thought possible in such a short time, forgetting hundreds of names and hometowns and people generally having a good laugh.

During daylight hours people tend to be slightly more reliable at remembering names so during the various excursions to Ice Skating, Bowling, Go-Karting and Laser-zapping (the thought-provoking part of Fresher's week) we became more familiar with the area and with each other. Ah, what's that you say? Alcohol? Laser-zapping? During Orientation Week?

Evidently Fresher's week is a wee bit different from the Hamilton Orientation Week I was myself involved in this year as an OL. The local drinking laws obviously play a role in this, plus there were 2500 of us to cater for, but to a great extent so do the aims and ideals of the institutions who support and organize the programs. In Newcastle's case, the event was run by students for students. Our brains were barely stimulated - relevant issues such as diversity, tolerance and compassion, and even how to succeed at University, were not touched upon. I feel privileged to have attended some of the stimulating and meaningful events Hamilton has to offer - Maura Cullen's talk stands out as an example of this, along with Adirondack Adventure. These programs (yes, it sounds cheesy but...) reflect a concern for us and our development as people, and I am grateful for this.

My year at Hamilton was my "year off" between school and university. Many of my fellow students here also took time off to travel and experience different cultures for a while, perhaps teaching in Nepal, bumming around Africa or working in Europe for several months. Each of us has gained enormously from the experience of being abroad for some time, and my time at Hamilton is no exception, so cheers!

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Student deems 'hatemongers' as 'psychotic'

Dear Editor,

If not for an inability to accept that all people are not the same, the disgusting assault on an unsuspecting victim in the Babbit parking lot Monday night never would have occured. The attacker and the victim cleary are not the same. There is a difference between the two of them and that difference is one of sexual, orientation. The victim is a prominent lesbian activist on campus, and the attacker identified her as such, making a comment about a bumper sticker on her car before hitting her from behind with a bottle. The attacker is identified as a male and is presumed straight, seeing as the motive for his attack was the victim's openness about her homosexuality.

It is clear that the attacker felt bold enough to hurt someone different from him. This is a cause for alarm. Partly because of the universal negative reactions people have towards a hate crime, it is rare that assaults with weapons occur. Hate crimes are most often commited towards groups that differ from what the attacker(s) beleive to be normal and good. In order for a person to actually carry out these crimes with a motive to do so, they must believe in an established normal lifestyle, which is the only one acceptable. Even if they allow for it not to be the only acceptable one, a person who commits hate crimes at least feels that those other lifstyles which differ too much from the "normal" one are not to be tolerated.

In our situation at Hamiltion, it is clear that the attacker found homosexuality to be different from what he accepted as normal and therefor could not tolerate it and tried to eliminate it's pressence with a bottle. (as if you really could, queers are not going anywhere!)

The scariest thing about the assault is that the attacker could not be alone in hate. If he thought he was the only one at Hamilton who wanted to stomp out homosexuality, I'm betting he would have been afraid to do it. There must be others that he knew could form a comfort zone around him to reasure him of his actions because they share his desire to eliminate what does not fit into their definition of normal. Others who defend or enjoy joking about his act of hate.

Yet, I offer a bit of hope. I doubt that there are as many people who support his actions as he thinks do. I'm sure he is aware that the multicultural groups, the minorities, the faculty, various societies, and the weird kids on the darkside will condemn his act, but I bet he expects that a good chunk of the school will secretly support him. Prove him wrong.

After this hate crime, let's have it be more than the same organizations and individuals who always deal with these issues being heard. Speak out against this crime and let those who might not know you are upset find out that you are. If the crowd which hatemongers expect to fit their definition of "normal" turns against them, they will see for once, that they could not possibly be normal themselves, for they are truely different, they are psychotic.

**Warren Upson '01**

## Stop hurting, start embracing

Dear Editor,

I would like to voice my opinion on the attacks that seem to be weekly happenings. People need to stop hurting each other and start embracing one another. People also need to support minorities and recognize that every person, no matter their sexual orientation, race, sex and beliefs, deserves respect. This is a diverse campus and to make it safe for everyone, people need to stop hating each other and start accepting each other. Everyone should be shocked at the incidents that happened last week involving the hockey players and the recent violent attack in the Babbit parking lot. Violence is wrong and the perpetrators of these attacks should be punished, but also educated that violence is wrong. If everyone would educate another then ignorance could be eradicated and violence could be stopped.

**Selene Hausman '01**

## Havoc needs community to help with tutoring program

Calling All Tutors:

If you have an hour to spare every week to help out a young third-graders from a Utica school, then we have been looking for you! HAVOCs On-Campus Tutoring Program is searching for students, faculty, administrators, staff, alums, neighbors—anyone who has a heart to help out a young person who may not see the value of the educational journey.

All this program requires of you is the desire to help one hour a week (on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 4pm in Bundy Dining Hall.) This hour will be spent working on homework—mostly reading skills and math—and forming a relationship which might become surprisingly important to you.

If you are available and interested, please come to the Events Barn at 3 pm on Tuesday (October 21) for an orientation session. If you have already signed up to tutor, thank you. If you are interested, even if you are not sure you can commit to tutoring every week, call or email me (jmcarn x4130) or Caitlin Wade (cwade x0109) as soon as possible. We are also looking for substitute tutors.

In the midst of an unsettling semester where disturbing events shake us, and even as we struggle to remain in conversation with our community to discern our values and ask ourselves why we are susceptible to violence and insensitivity, let us not lose sight of this: that we are an educational institution. Let's share our love for education with our young neighbors.

**Jeffrey McArn**
**College Chaplain and Advisor to HAVOC**

# Confronting tragedy in a troubled world

NINA SHARMA
REFLECTIONS

John Denver died this week. Princess Diana was killed in a car accident last month and Mother Theresa died simply of old age. My newborn cousin has been in intensive care since the day she was born. A friend of a friend died in a drunk driving accident last week. A well respected Hamilton student had a bottle smashed over her head on Monday night. The connections? The element of tragedy that our society accepts as completely normal. We have a tendency to care about tragedy as it happens. We become engulfed in it when we read about it in the news. We cry when it happens to someone we know. But within a week, life goes back to normal. But should it?

This week alone at Hamilton, we have all experienced tragedy. The simple fact that such blatant acts of violence can exist in such an isolated and liberal community is mind-boggling. Most of us tend to think of Hamilton as a bubble, a place where there can be no wrong, a place where smiling faces and beautiful scenery exemplify life on the Hill. Unfortunately, we have been recently faced with extremism and hatred. During coming out day, the pavement was covered in slogans to promote gay rights, acceptance, and understanding in our little bubble. Although some may have been offended by the harshness of some slogans, crime and physical endangerment are not the answers. There may have been several vulgar words, but it was nothing to lose sleep over. The instance of a girl being bashed over the head with a bottle simply because she is a lesbian is absurd. Remember the old saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me?" Where did the principle behind that disappear to?

They may be simple words, but they carry incredible meaning. In speaking out for gay and lesbian rights, it is not assumed that all people will comply with such a liberal stance. In a world as diverse as ours, it is inevitable that there will not always be a positive reaction to a demonstration of human rights.

Yet, this is still no reason for hatred and endangering the safety of any student. Although I did not lose sleep over the slight lack of civil discourse in Coming Out Day, I was outraged when I heard about the insane act of violence on the student; I was even more disgusted when I found out that an attack had been made on her character last year.

I cannot stress enough how tragic I feel it is that in the Hamilton community, one that is "small and highly selective," there could exist such a stupid individual. I say stupid not for a lack of a better word, but because in all honesty, the person who committed such an act can be seen as nothing but a stupid, ignorant, inhumane bigot.

I may be one of the few who will miss John Denver's "Christmas with the Muppets." I may have been one of the few to awake at 4 a.m. to watch Princess Di's funeral. I may be an individual when I say that I mourned for Mother Theresa. I may be the only one who constantly thinks of a baby girl I don't even know. Yet I know that I am not in a vcminority when I say that I am outraged by the disgusting act of violence in our community.

If you can stand apart and say that you aren't affected, shame on you. Our world is a tragic place to live, and the longer we stand by and just let it happen, nothing will ever improve. It would be a sad existence without the presence of a few caring individuals who are destined to change the world.

## LETTERS AND OP-ED POLICY

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# More 'dam' trouble, questioning world politics

Congress seemed to want fed eral funding for a pet big-dam project. Wealthy farmers and corporations still receive irrigation water stored by dams built at federal expense, at below-market prices. Many crops wouldn't be grown at all in the arid West if we had market water pricing.

Public attitudes toward dams have changed dramatically in recent years. We now realize that big dams are a poor long-term investment.. With the important exception of the Auburn Dam, big dams are no longer planned for the United States. Other countries have also cut back on big-dam building.

China is bucking the trend. The Chinese are beginning construction on what will become, if completed, the world's largest dam. Official estimates put the cost at $11.2 billion over 10 years, but Western observers project overruns to $15-35 billion and 15-20 years.

The goal is to contain the floods of the Yangtze River, to provide electricity for millions of people, and to facilitate navigation by deepening the river into a reservoir. In China, this seems to be as far as the discussion goes—technical, mathematical, and bureaucratic details. Everyone should fully consider both sides of the issue.

Proponents say that property damage alone from one major flood could exceed the entire cost of building the Three Gorges Dam. Yet the Chinese have built more than 10,000 small dams since 1954, so a flood of this magnitude seems unlikely. Dams actually increase flood dangers: They accelerate the migration of people to low-lying areas, and low-silt water coming out of their reservoirs erodes the foundations of dikes without providing replacement silt. Here the stakes are higher than ever before.

This all assumes that the dam holds against the mighty Yangtze. The area experiences frequent magnitude 1-2 earthquakes. Seismologists expect the weight of water to increase the quakes to magnitude 5-6, with the dam supposedly able to withstand a jolt of magnitude 7-8. A miscalculation here would have tragic consequences. The disaster, still never officially acknowledged, was attributed to three "once-in-2,000-year" typhoons, but a similar disaster could happen again.

Generating the same power as the new dam from coal would require ten new power plants, which would pollute far more than the dam. Even most alternative hydropower projects would flood more land per power generated. However, the financial, social, and environmental costs of the Three Gorges project are huge, and even proponents don't see hydropower alone as a justification for the dam.

The report that convinced the Chinese Prime Minister to go ahead with the project actually put the greatest emphasis on the expected benefits for navigation. By deepening the river, the reservoir is supposed to open cities to larger ships and decrease shipping costs by 35%. However, currently existing bridges, or a few decades of siltation, will prevent the passage of large ships in most places. The Chinese have given no specifics on how they will address these problems.

**PETER KELLY**
**REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS**

The dam is trumpeted as an everlasting monument to China's greatness. But Western experts predict that the reservoir will quickly fill with silt, making the dam useless in just 80-100 years. Even the World Bank, which has an incentive to continue making loans for megadams, says that currently existing dams are losing 1% of their storage capacity to silt each year.

The Yangtze Valley, which the Three Gorges Dam will flood, has cultural significance dating back thousands of years. More than a million people will lose their homes to the reservoir. Thirty million Chinese have already lost their homes to dams. Many expect rioting as the resettlement gets underway. Farmers are especially resistant to moving since land for resettlement is mostly in mountainous areas.

Are there legitimate human-rights issues here, or is the dam simply a matter that the Chinese should decide internally? Should Westerners try to demonstrate potential damage to the world environment?

One undisputed global effect of large dams is the recent discovery that artificial reservoirs have slightly speeded up the Earth's spin rate. Does this show how mega-projects can have unpredictable global effects, or is it an example of Western scientists dredging up miniscule issues to support global environmental connectedness?

Whether fairly or unfairly, the global market has an effect on dam projects. In the Three Gorges project, funding will be a major obstacle to completion even at the publicly stated figure. China has not asked the World Bank for a loan, probably because she fears that Western environmental groups will associate the project with grandiose boondoggles the Bank has funded in the past.

Even individuals can make a difference in dam projects. Take the case of Brazil, whose dams have been used to feed consumer demand in the West. Brazil's hydroelectric dams have flooded huge areas of flat land, once rainforest and home to indigenous peoples, and have contributed greatly to the Third World's biggest debt.

Huge amounts of subsidized electricity in Brazil go to aluminum smelting for the throwaway containers we Americans use. Even our "all-natural" cotton is often grown with water from dams built to irrigate cash crops.

Through global markets, a moderation of our consumer demands could have profound effects on the policies of Third World countries.

It's hard to know how to approach such a massive, complex and uncertain project, though moderating our consumption and keeping the lines of communication open can't hurt. We need to keep in mind who is affected and who decides.

There are no simple answers, but a grandiose project clearly can have as much to do with politics as with economics.

# Summer reflections on Greek life, issues of diversity

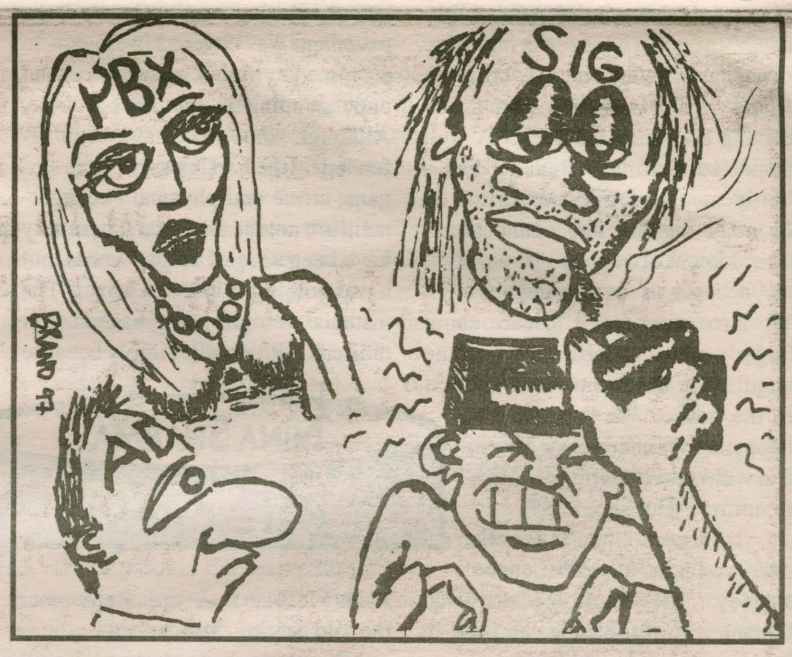
Last June I visited a friend at University of Michigan. Coming from a college like Hamilton, which looks like a country club in comparison, I was overwhelmed by the school's enormity. U of M is home to roughly 30 thousand students, undergraduate and graduate combined. Strolling around downtown Ann Arbor, I got a feel for the diversity of the student body. Skaters soared off park benches. Facially-pierced, mohawked punks sat outside coffee houses. Even the Hamilton style-of-dress was represented; I spotted Jay & Jane Crew strolling down the street with roll neck sweaters tied around their shoulders.

Knowing I'd be interested to see how Greek life operates at U of M, my friend drove me to Hill Street where frat houses line the road. "There are over 100 Greek societies at U of M," she told me. There are societies for students pursuing engineering, medicine, and of course, sports. There are societies defined by race, religion and sexuality. LPE is an Asian fraternity. SDT, AEP, and DPE are three Jewish sororities at U of M.

This surprised me because the private societies at Hamilton College aren't based on academics, race or religion, but on certain molds. Hamilton societies don't promote a certain field of study or a certain heritage. Instead, they are known by their frivolous reputations: the "female athlete" sorority, the "secretive, drug" fraternity. I spent the past week listening to the way people distinguish between societies. "She looks so PBX," one student said. Or "He should join AD. He's totally the type." But what are these types? They're based on nothing more than appearance. If Greek societies have to exist at Hamilton, they should at least have some defining characteristics; let them be academics or religion, not how well you dress or what kind of car you drive.

I realize that breaking into different factions is separatist, and that the ideal culture is one in which Jewish and African-Americans live without barriers, but unfortunately, that isn't reality. People tend to live with those who are like themselves. Every big city has a Chinatown, a Little Italy or a gay side. But if it's absolutely necessary that society must fracture, let the subgroups be separate, distinct entities. Let them offer to the community whatever it is that makes them unique.

At U of M, the Jewish fraternity brings a Jewish presence to the campus. That's what a sub-group should do. But what would happen if Hamilton societies had to explain their distinctive way-of-life? Are ATX and Gamma Xi that distinguishable? How about TDX and AD? At Hamilton, private societies don't offer anything to the community except beer kegs and Bundy parties.




When a student arrives at U of M, he/she may want to meet other students who share his/her interests, whether the interest is chemistry or ice hockey. As I said, there's nothing wrong with wanting to be around people who share your interests. But if you agree that Hamilton is a homogeneous environment — Hamilton isn't exactly known for its diversity — ask yourself what it is that makes Hamilton's societies different from one another? Are we so different that we must create these warring factions?

**COLIN CARMAN**
**TANTALIZING TELLINGS**

This is a minor point, but many people join societies in order to avoid the dirty, impersonal world of a college dormitory. My sister, who attended University of Maryland, joined Kappa Kappa Gamma partly because she wanted to live in a clean house with women she knew and trusted.

At Hamilton, however, there isn't a serious crime problem. There have been serial rapists and murders at U of M, but at 198 College Hill Road our most serious offenders pull fire alarms. Is there any need to move into a frat house when the dorms are just as safe? And here's the biggest joke of all: the frat houses have been shut down. So not only do Hamilton's private societies lack identity, whether it be racial, academic or otherwise, but they don't have anywhere to exist. And the flashing neon question in my mind is as follows: Why do private societies sill exist at Hamilton College?

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# A misuse of 'morality'

CHRIS MACHERA

SAYS WHO?

In the wake of the DKE suspension, the campus has been exploring many issues. We have been defining our rights as individuals, our definitions of "lewd" and our overall morality. I think it is great we are not allowing the administration to trample our rights without resistance.

The DKE decision, a cause of embarrassment for the whole of Hamilton College, has made me look at things a little differently. As I read through the news, I find there is a lot of injustice in our country parading under the alias of "morality."

One incident I have run into which particularly appalled me is occurring in the film industry. I trust that many students are aware of Vladimir Nabokov and his brilliant novel *Lolita*. Vanity Fair magazine described the novel as "the only convincing love story of the 20th Century." The novel, previously adapted into movie form by Stanley Kubrick (*A Clockwork Orange, 2001: A Space Odyssey, Dr. Strangelove*), in 1962, has once again been translated for the big screen by Stephen Schift.

The movie premiered in Spain a couple of weeks ago and is due out in the rest of Europe later this year. No film companies in the U.S. have picked up the film yet. No one in Hollywood has agreed to release *Lolita* yet because the story revolves around the relationship of a grown man and a thirteen year old girl. Critics have pointed to the story as a glamorization of child abuse. They find it morally objectionable. As President Tobin might put it, *Lolita* is a "complete disregard for basic standard of decency."

Many people who are bashing *Lolita* have never read the book. Or maybe they read it, but did not understand it. *Lolita* is, as much as anything else, a comedy. Nabokov portrays the pedophile and main character, Humbert Humbert, in a very satirical way. There is no obscenity in the novel, nor are there any scenes which even vaguely resemble a graphically sexual situation. When people hear that the main character is a pedophile they embrace their bible and cry child molestation. "Heads will be rolling," they cry, "in the name of all that is good and pure!" The passive observer remembers their beloved Jean Benet Ramsay and gasps with a terror which only the true "moralist" has ever known. They then go back home, watch "Hard Copy" and count their blessings that they will not have to be exposed to such filth as exists in a Vladimir Nabokov novel.

Why is this happening to our society? To be honest, I don't really know the full answer. It seems to me that it is about time that we begin to reevaluate who decides our morals for us. People love to impose their morality on as many people as they can. Sometimes horrible racists like Jesse Helms force their idea of decency on us; sometimes harmless, yet ambivalent moralists like Bill Clinton decide what is right and wrong. Sometimes middle-aged men like Eugene Tobin feel fit to decide what young adults should and should not be subjected to.

This misuse of "morality" has many negative manifestations. Above all, we are deprived of good art and literature. The movie *Lolita* may never be shown in America because the hierarchy does not think that it is "proper." In the past, this same attitude has deprived us of such great books as *The Catcher in the Rye* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, even the magical beats of everyone's favorite rap group, 2 Live Crew.

In the case of DKE, we see "morality" used in a blatant disregard of individual rights. If these students were all watching the strippers because they wanted to, and were not bothering any other members of the college, should it be against the rules? Do you think that the same people who answered yes to the last question would hesitate to respond the same way when asked about other "moral deficiencies" to be found on our campus? President Tobin has irresponsibly misused his power and I am glad that we are letting him know it. Perhaps he can repent by premiering *Lolita* on the Hill.

# Acts of injustice

JENNIFER IRVINE, YAO ODAMTTEN & NADIA SANGSTER

ALL ABOUT THAT

We know people who have been mugged. We know people who have been the object of homophobic acts. We know people who have been raped. We know people who have been racially harrassed and we know people who have been brutally beaten. We even know someone who had a glass bottle broken over her head. Some of these instances occur in urban centers, while some have occurred on our college campus. Can you guess which ones?

Acts of injustice are rampant across America, and even remote Clinton is privy to random acts of violence such as what we have witnessed.

Merely because a student of color or a queer student is attacked, it does not mean that only those students should be bothered by these acts. Remember that no man or woman is an island unto him or herself; as such, these atrocities affect each and every one of us. The three of us are making an important step towards integrating Hamilton through discussion. We are members of three very different stereotypical groups who came together in light of a common goal: Listening, which leads to education and respect.

Consider this: we are all international students who have convened here on this microcosm called the "hill." We all come from diverse ethnic, racial, economic and geographical backgrounds. Having this in mind, we are all diverse from ideological standpoints. Do not be complacent. Just because X happens to John Doe does not mean that you are not affected. Strip all racial, economic, and sexual substances from the person, and one arrives at the bottom line, that someone was harrassed and violated. How would you feel if you were John Doe? Internalize that! Now, place the racial, economic and sexual layers back on...and does the fact that a woman was sexually harrassed, a lesbian hit over the head with a glass bottle, an economically disavantaged person downtrodden upon, make it any less personal?

As a student body, let us begin to use the power of diplomacy to learn to better tolerate, understand and RESPECT one another. There is a way-a diplomatic way-in standing up for one's rights and beliefs without resorting to violent measures. Let us as individuals (not necessarily organizations or stereotypical groups) begin to hold ourselves accountable for every act of injustice on this campus. The silent samaritan is just as accountable as the instigator.


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# MOVIES IN REVIEW

## LA CONFIDENTIAL B

COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

BY KATHY HESS '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

This flick has got style, and when it all comes together it is wonderful to see. The film takes place in L.A. in the nineteen fifties, when there was an aura of wholesomeness over the city. But like most auras, the wholesomeness is just barely skin deep. The American Dream was alive and well. Helping with that ideal are the L.A. cops and tabloids. Oh how things change! Luckily there are corrupt cops, and tabloids, even when they started out have always been sleezy, making L.A. Confidential is a lot of fun.

The L.A. cops have a heavy influence on organized crime, their image, and the press. Controlling the cops is Police Chief Dudley Smith (James Cromwell: *Babe*). The only publicly known influence that the chief has is over a cop television show, to which he sends an expert. Jack Vincennes (Kevin Spacey: *Seven*, *The Usual Suspects*) likes the glamor that being an expert on a television show does for him. He to is concerned with his image as a mini celebrity. He takes kick-backs from the tabloid Hush-Hush, which is written by Sid Hudgeons (Danny DeVito: *Taxi*). Sid finds criminals and then Jack arrests them for the camera and fifty bucks. The other significant cops are Ed Exley (Guy Pearce: *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*) who is more concerned about his own career than the image of the force, and Bud White (Russell Crowe: *Virtuosity*) who is the muscles, but not the brains of L.A.'s finest.

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**Crow and Basinger discuss work**

What is fascinating about the movie is that cops with different personalities have to get over their views of one another to solve a case involving a ring of prostitutes that are surgically altered to look like famous female actresses. A mass murder at a local diner, the Night Owl, that involves one of the prostitutes and a former cop cause Jack, Ed, and Bud to do their own investigations into the sleazy underworld of L.A. Bud falls in love with Lynn Bracken, (Kim Basinger: *Batman*, *Cool World*) who is one of the prostitutes.

This film is a bit long (two and a half hours), but the actors really keep up the interest. Everyone is in on the style of the movie, a fifties cop novel. Not only the clothing fits the fifties time period, the manner of speech, the methods of fighting all fit, which is rare in modern movies. In other words the characters aren't pumping up their sneakers and shooting at each other with modern machine guns. The careful expression of the fiftie's style is so significant in L.A. Confidential.

The other aspect is that the characters interact and grow from one another. Bud being the muscle of the cops does not pigeon hole him in a Stallone-type role. He is intelligent without betraying the character he plays. The actors who play Bud and Ed are two real finds in the film (both are successful screen actors from Austrailia). The other actors have for the most part proven themselves, but these two actors really create wonderful characters. Having Danny DeVito as the king of a sleazy paper is rather perfect.

The film is directed by Curtis Hanson, who did *The Hand that Rocks the Cradle*, and *The River Wild*. This is probably his best work yet because everything works well together. He does a great job making a glitzy technicolor world straight out of a spy novel be interesting and entertaining. In reality the film is based on the books of James Ellroy, a fifties cop novelist. The glitz and the glamour do not mask the spirit of the film, which makes this movie surpass many others currently in the theaters.

# Tilt and Twirl at Wellin

BY JAY GORMLEY '00
A&E EDITOR

This Friday night the annual fall dance concert will be performed in Wellin hall at 8pm. This event, sponsored by the Dance Department, highlights the talents of Hamilton's faculty, students and alumni. Four pieces will be presented; "Framed," "Tapestry," "PLOD" and "Salix."

"Framed" is a collaboration between director/choreographer Claire Porter, local sculptor John von Bergin'63 and composer Richard Loyed'73. Porter is an accomplished performer and has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as New Jersey chorography fellowships. The piece, inspired by a home improvement project, consists of wall frames and door frames manipulated by the various Hamilton dancers. As the frames tilt and twirl whimsical structures are created, only to be moved into intriguing forms.

"Tapestry" is choreographed by visiting Ballet professor Martha Connerton and set to Mozart. Connerton has danced with the Pacific Northwest Ballet, Louisville Ballet, The Joyce Trisler Dance Company and the American Ballet Company. "Tapestry" is a modern ballet which suggests the court dances of the 1700's. The different steps and movements mesh and weave to suggest a tapestry.

"PLOD" is the co-creation of Hamilton Professors Elaine Heekin and Bruce Walczyk. This piece was selected to be a part of the Morningside Dance Festival in New York City and the American College Dance Festival's National Faculty Choreography series. This is a humorous piece which explores the relationships between men and women in both courtship and domestic life.

The final piece, "Salix," is also by Heekin and Walczyk, and focuses on the differing roles that wood plays in our society, from its use in spiritual guidance and healing to its applications in tool making and as weaponry. The performance uses sticks and rods of various sizes to create an picture on the stage.

The performers include Elaine Heekin, Bruce Walczyk, John von Bergan and the following Hamilton students: Nicole Austin, Giada Bufalini, Gwen de Bueno, Tamar Cunningham, Suzanne Dougherty, Susan Falanga, Danielle Fitzner, Daniela Golbert, Arianne Gold, Jennifer Hallock, Kathleen Hardick, Kathrine Hauschild, Michael Hew Wing, Amanda Hitchins, David Leung, Jennifer Jayne, Katie Mantell, Emily Musty, Yao Odamtten, Erin Reid, Emily Roynestad, Jaimee Smith, Emma Thompson and Violette Tucker.

Tickets are $5 for the general public and $4 for students. They are available at the door or by phone at 859-4057.

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# HOROSCOPES

## FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17TH

BY THE MYSTERIOUS Q
A&E ASTROLOGER

### LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)

Romantic notions and actions have been filling up your life, Libra. You seem to be happy, so just keep doing whatever comes naturally. Your performance has been stellar, be proud. Your lucky vehicle: a truck.

### SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)

Alarm clocks blasting wake-ups and long hot showers seem to be your saviors these days, Scorpio. Make your late night visits a bit shorter and you may be more perky. The big smiles on your face won't be going away anytime soon. Your lucky group: the Chipmunks.

### SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)

Colds and stomach aches have been plaguing you lately. Don't worry, they'll be gone before you know it. The past few weeks may have been a bit slower than you would have liked, but the next few are sure to make up for it. Your lucky snack: a cupcake.

### CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)

Have strange people been walking around in your clothes, Capricorn? Beware of burglars and thiefs, odd things have been known to happen here. Make sure to pay a lot of attention to those who visit you this weekend, they miss you a lot. Your lucky listening selections: tapes.

### AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)

Singing a new song these days, Aquarius? It's a good thing, don't worry. This one will be even better than the last. There's no need for you to be stressing its all under control. Your lucky restaurant: Papa Gino's.

### PISCES
(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)

Your soulmate is just around the corner Pisces, so be on the lookout. This is an opportunity you better not let go by. It will be an easy and painless discovery once it is made. Your lucky costume: Tarzan.

### ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

Big changes may not be the best idea for you these days, Aries. Try and solve any problems in less drastic ways. Happiness will return in a short time,. The next week shows great promise. Your lucky mailbox item: a pink slip.

### TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

Stressful times will disappear, Taurus. With visits from family and friends, your weekend will prove fun and entertaining. Be sure to show appreciation to those who care. Your lucky tourist attraction: the Zoo.

### GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Strange things been happening to you lately, Gemini? Don't worry, things will calm down quickly. Just relax, and things will fall into place. Your lucky place: the library.

### CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Appreciative people abound, Cancer. Everyone wants to spend time with you and help you out. Try and fit everything in, because it may not last for long. Your lucky jean-style: acid washed.

### LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 23)

Beautiful melodies and perfect harmony is in your future, Leo. This weekend you are on center stage and nothing will go wrong. Live it up, you deserve it. Your lucky adjective: soft.

### VIRGO
(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)

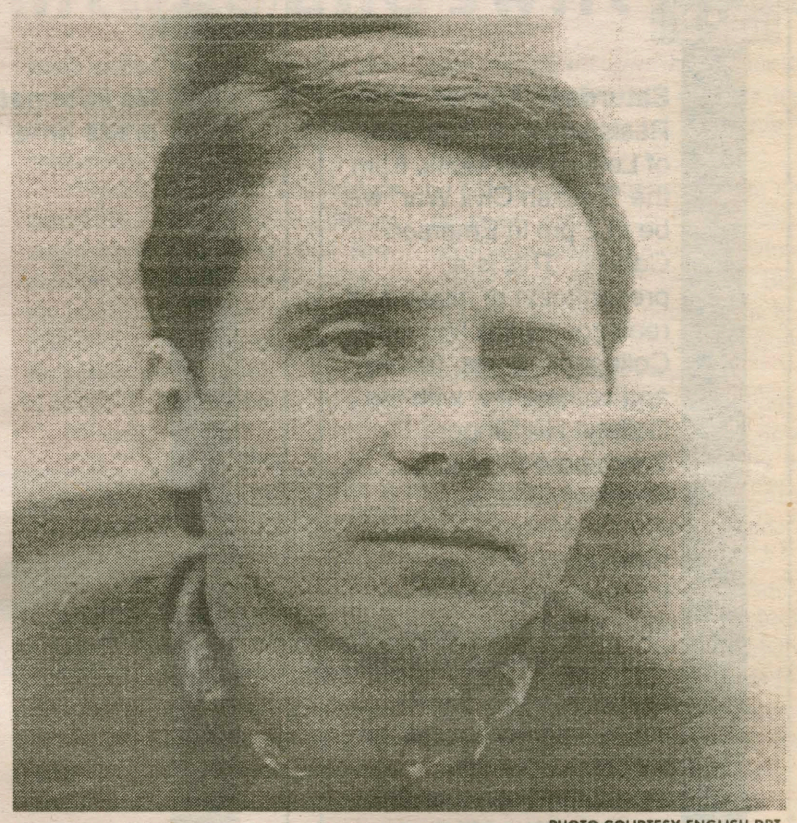
Things seem to be going better than ever for you, Virgo. Don't get too caught up in worrying that it will change. Analyzation is not your strongpoint, so don't dabble in it. Your lucky organization: BETA.

# O'Connell reads 'Poetry for all Seasons'
# *Poems 'Simple but effective'*

BY PETER CONDRICK '99
A&E WRITER

It has often been the folly of many poets to think of them selves as the ultimate representative of expression. What is just as elusive is the skill of expression and conveying an image to the reading public that has not seen or herd what the author has felt. Such is not the case with Hamilton English professor George O'Connell.

Last night, Professor O'Connell shared with the Hamilton Community his works and unique perspective on poetry, expression and his life experiences. Many of you English majors well know that for an author to truly reach his audience, he or she must write about what they know. Professor O'Connell did just that. His rustic and vivid observations in poetic form were both personal and universal.



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**George O'Connell read his poetry**

As he read his work, Professor O'Connell made sure to define certain words and concepts prior to the reading so as to enrich our experience as well as enhance our interpretation of his expression. All of his works were down to earth, emotional and from the soul.

His descriptions of events, objects and perspectives, though specialized to his own experience, were so vivid and exact that the audience could not help but be drawn in and transported to the heart of the experience. Through his eyes and words we saw his days, his emotions and his experiences.

His poem "The Force of Ice" truly capture this idea. The imagery suggests what it feels like to be out on a cold winter night, and then relates this to a shining world which lives below the world common to our experience.

*The Force of Ice*

**The bitterness of age is space**
**where the living and the dead we love**
**go on with out us,**
**where the shining world**
**hardens like a vein**
**beneath the world we know.**

**So the days peck out**
**their little iridescence**
**in the dark, your lungs**
**dusting like a miner's**
**with a spectrum**
**refractible as pain**

**Yet some nights you lie awake**
**the stars cold sand**
**spattered on your window,**
**certain notes not sadness strike so deep**
**all the minerals in your body**
**might at one true word**
**with the force of ice**
**stand into crystals**

But as he said in one of his poems "its all about scale." His poems were simple yet effective. Utilizing various styles and forms, Professor O'Connell truly embraced a scale of expression that was both entertaining and effective. There was no bottom line nor higher purpose to be uncovered or discussed. His poetry reveled in the sublime and the simplistic. His words were pure and riveting.

His works have been recognized world wide, and for good reasons. The works he graced us with nave won various awards, such as the International Grand Prize in the Atlanta Review Poetry Competition and the 1997 Soundpost Press Poetry Prize, just to name a few.

For those of you who missed this event, you missed a truly unique and enlightening experience. For those of you who did go, you know very well what I am saying. To Professor O'Connell, I tip my hat and offer my thanks for his sharing of his works with us.

# CAB presents puppets

PEGGY MALLOY'01
A&E WRITER

So it's family weekend. There's only so much time that you can spend going out and eating real food for a change. Good thing CAB has come up with a great way to keep you and your parents entertained, his name is Taylor Mason. Mason is a ventriloquist / comedian, sure to thrill any audience.

World renowned for his exciting performances, Mason is a regular on both network and cable television. He also headlines at many famous comedy clubs, and has become exceedingly popular on the college circuit as well. Mason is one of the most successful college acts in history.

Mason's act consists of sarcastic puppets, audience interaction, and his own unique humor. The witty puppets will put you in hysterics, with their streetwise comments and their subtle jokes. One of the puppets , Romeo,

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**Mason & Friends**

serves as Mason's alter ego. At the same time, Juliet, represents every quality that Taylor Mason does not.

If your up for a night filled with laughter and enjoyment, grab the family and get ready to have some serious fun. Taylor Mason will be performing on Saturday at 8pm, in the Events Barn. It's guaranteed to be a great time, so come and have a side-splitting, good time!


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## LECTURES

**Saturday**: "Voices of Resistance: A Program of Letters and Music from the Spanish Civil War" will be at 2 pm in Emerson Gallery. This is a presentation of music and readings by the Hamilton College students, faculty, and community, with the College Hill Singers. Sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

**Saturday**: At 3 pm in the KJ Auditorium there will be a panel discussion on "Education Reform in the United States". David Paris, Associate Dean of Faculty; Tim Kelly, Associate Professor of Mathematics; Mitchell Stevens, Assistant Professor of Sociology; and Susan Mason, Director of the Program in Education, will run the discussion. Sponsored by Family Weekend.

**Wednesday**: Maya Angelou, poet and author of major works such as "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey", will speak at 7:30 pm in the Field House, as part of the Great Names at Hamilton Series. Doors open at 6 pm.

## FILM

***No information as of press time.***

## ARTS

**Exhibition**: Shouts from the Wall will be on display in Emerson Gallery until October 19. This is an exhibition of posters and photographs used by the Spanish Republic in order to gain support against Franco during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939.

**Exhibition**: Milt Hinton: Photographs of Jazz Musicians will run from October 20 - October 24 in the Emerson Gallery.

**Friday and Saturday**: The Fall Dance Concert, a performance including student dancers and choreography by the Hamilton dance faculty; contributions from alumni Richard Lloyd '73 (composer and performer), Jon von Bergen '63 (sculptor) and guest choreographer Claire Porter. The performance will be at 8 pm in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance.

## CHECK IT OUT

**Friday**: The "Amazing Button Factory" will be in the Events Barn for 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. Sponsored by CAB.

**Friday**: The Buffers, the Hamiltones, Special K, and the Gospel Choir will give an A Cappella Concert at 9 pm in the Events Barn.

**Saturday**: From 11 am - 3:30 pm there will be an open house and reception at 3940 Campus Road to view the renovated house. Light refreshments will be served.

**Saturday**: At 3 pm in the Red Pit there will be a Romantic Poetry Reading, "Love and Marriage." All poems written and read by English 339. Patricia O'Neill, Associate Profess or of English. Sponsored by Family Weekend.

**Saturday**: Comedian, Taylor Mason, will perform at 8 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by CAB.

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| *Rocketman* | *7:05, 9:15* | *Seven Years in Tibet* | *6:30, 9:25* |
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# Field hockey seeks reasons for 1-9 season

## *Offensive attack needs improvement*

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

**The field hockey team hopes to leap into the winner's circle during second half of the season.**

BY C. HARRIS DAGUE '98

SPORTS WRITER

With only three games remaining in their 1997 campaign, the Hamilton College Field Hockey team has accepted the role of spoiler. With two more losses this past weekend Hamilton became mathematically eliminated from any hopes of post season glory.

While a record of 1 and 9 remains in all the players minds, the Continentals are more interested in ending the season with dignity. "We are going to play out the season with the same intensity we started it with. We have three more games and that means three more chances to win. If we can't go to the playoffs, we might as well ruin some other teams chances as well" noted Tri-Captain Kim Powers '98.

Hamilton traveled to state ranked Hobart and William Smith College last Friday to face off against a tough William Smith club. In a hard fought match Hamilton dropped their eight loss of the season 5-0.

While the score at the end of the game might indicate a blow out, the game was actually fairly competitive. Hamilton out shot William Smith 9 to 3 in the first half, and if not for two fluke goals the score would not have been so lopsided.

Hamilton's offense showed glimmers of greatness throughout the game, taking twice as many shots on goal as William Smith and boasting a 87% pass completion mark.

The efforts of the Continentals were just not enough, as William Smith was able to dominate the most important statistic, the scoreboard. The loss made for a long ride back to the Hill, where the Continentals had to prepare for their final three games of the season.

Senior offensive juggernaut Catherine McGeary commented "our offense looked might fine today. It was mighty nice to take so many shots on goal and have such a mighty good pass completion percentage."

McGeary led the offensive charge with nine of Hamilton's eighteen shots on goal. If not for William Smith's All-State goaltender, McGeary could easily have scored six goals. Unfortunately, William Smith boats an All-American goalie that the Continentals were unable to beat.

When asked about her teammates offensive flourish, Tri-Captain Sarah Chesin commented "Catherine is a great offensive player, one of the best I have played with in my life. She floats like a tiger and stings like a bee. I think William Smith got a chance to see that."

Saturday Hamilton traveled to the University of Rochester in search of their second win of the season. Much like the William Smith game the day before, the Continentals dropped a closer contest, 3-0 loss to Hobart. Once again Catherine McGeary '98 proved to be the Continental's offensive master.

McGeary again boasted the most shots on goal for the team and was robbed more than once by fine goaltending. "I don't know what happened to me this weekend. It's like I just woke up and started to play. I knew that I had it in me all season and it's mighty nice to finally start using it. I just wish we could have won a game."

Hamilton looked solid in the loss to Rochester, only allowing three goals to an offense led by Rochester native and high school All-American Rhonda Smith. "Our defense held up under a lot of pressure against Rochester. Kelly (Kruk) had some great looking goaltending and kept us in the game for awhile. We've come a long way since the beginning of the season."

Hamilton takes the field again this weekend to face northern powerhouse Colby College. They must continue to boast some sort of offensive attack, more importantly an attack that gets numbers on the scoreboard, if they hope to succeed.

If the Continental defense is able to hold the strong front of the White Mules, they must have support from their offense.

The game is at 1:00 Saturday afternoon on the Love Rug. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Continentals while they have the homefield advantage.

# Ruggers dominate competition with hard hitting and swift feet

BY ETHAN HOROVITZ '00
&
SEAN CURRY '00

SPORTS WRITERS

The Hamilton College Rugby Exiles are going into the last regular season game of the year against Colgate this Saturday. The team, led by captain Dave Bolger '99, is about to put everything on the line this week in their quest for the state championship.

If they win, they will play Geneseo in the play-offs. If they lose, . . . well, losing is not on their minds. "We have been working hard in practice and have had a high intensity level lately. If our starting guys play as well this weekend as they have been recently, we could go all the way," said Bolger.

The team heads into this week's showdown with a strong 4 - 1 record. The Exiles have not lost since their season opener to SUNY Fredonia, and have outscored their opponents 123 to 24 in their four wins. Forty-four of those points came from a dominating victory over Hobart last weekend on the opposition's home turf.

Although 44 - 7 seems like a blowout, the game was played much tighter than the score shows. The game started with both teams prepared for a war. Hamilton beat Hobart three times last year, and Hobart wanted revenge.

The Exiles drew first blood with two penalties converted for points on superb kicking by Derek "Bio" Hazard '99. "I've been working hard on my kicking game, and I am just glad that the team trusts me enough to kick for points" said Hazard.

The Exiles continued their offensive onslaught with a try from Bolger and another penalty kick. The game seemed like it was in the bag, until Hobart scored on a powerful run off of a Hamilton penalty.

> **"If our starting guys play as well this weekend as they have been recently, we could go all the way.**
> **-Dave Bolger '99**

"As soon as Hobart scored I knew that the game was far from over. The score was 16 - 7 and one more try put them right back in it. We had to keep our heads in the game," said Pat Hibbard '99.

As the referee signaled the start of the second half, Hamilton came out fired up and ready to put more points on the board. Early on, Ben "Forrest Gump" Myers '00 caught a pass and took off down the sideline to score. "I got the ball, saw the try zone, and did what I do best; run," said Myers.

Hamilton continued to pile on the points with a score from Hazard off of an outstanding pass from Ethan "Baby Blue" Horvitz '00. Then Ben "Crazy" Mann '00 punched in his first A-side try on a bull-rush from just outside Hobart's try zone.

The final try came from Myers, his second of the day, on a tiring run from the fifty in which he zigzagged across the field dodging defenders left and right.

As the score shows, Hamilton played tough on both sides of the ball, especially defensively. Hobart was inside Hamilton's twenty-two meter line six times during the game, and every time the defense held them.

Other players that chalked up superb performances were Hibbard, James "Zulu" Bentley '00, and Helmet Haffner '00. They played tough and made the Hobart players sorry to be alive.

The Exiles hope that everybody comes out to the Intramural Field to support them in their quest for one more win.

The game is at 1:00 p.m., and promises to be an entertaining match on Hamilton's home field.


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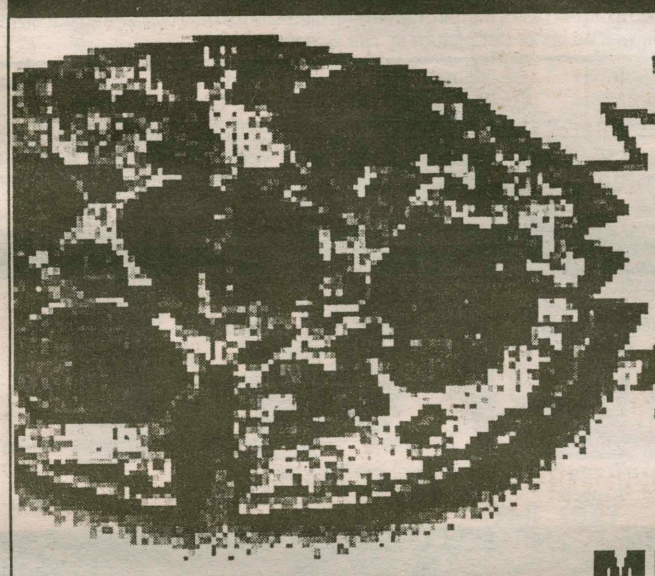

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# Baseball, soccer, and the run

## Series of beginnings and endings

Jason Santarcangelo — From The Front Office

**The World Series...**

The World Series will begin tomorrow evening in Miami, Florida, home of the Marlins. The opponent – the upstart Cleveland Indians defeated the World Champion New York Yankees in five games then defeated the heavily favored Baltimore Orioles in six games. The Marlins, the first wild card team to make it to the World Series, knocked off the Houston Astros and then surprised the Atlanta Braves in six.

Both teams were not expected to make it this far. Well, at least the majority of the fans and media who covered the major league baseball season never dreamed up this scenario. What does it all mean? Simply that two smaller market teams, well at least not as popular teams, will duel it out in the fall classic. Who will win? I think the Indians will capture the series in six games. Why?

The Indians have the magic needed in the post season to win. They keep Oriole Ace **Mike Mussina**, his .60 era and twenty-five strikeouts, winless in both of his American League Championship Series starts. There is no real way to say it, but the Indians dodged a speeding train, throwing 90+ mile per hour stuff. They found a way at the most important time.

More stats – who would have thought the defensive second baseman **Tony Fernandez**, who was a late replacement for **Bip Roberts**, would manage to hit a line drive homerun over the scoreboard in Camden Yards in the top of the eleventh to win the game. Jose Mesa has finally gotten out of his funk. Despite blowing two saves earlier in the series, Mesa stepped up when the Indians needed him most – crucial game six. He struck out Roberto Alomar for the final out of the game, ending the Orioles dreams. Something more amazing, the Indian defense forced the Orioles to strand fourteen baserunners throughout game six.

The Indians have the magic., much like the magic the Yankees were able to capitalize on last season.

The Marlins have a hired gun line-up that at best is hobbling. Pitching ace **Alex Fernandez** is gone for the season with a torn rotator cuff. The Marlins are the first wild card team. They are five years old. **Jim Leyland** is one of the most respected managers in baseball. Owners and general managers wish he was theirs, players relish the opportunity to play for this strategist.

The Marlins failed to impress me during the Braves series. Maybe I should say the Braves failed to play traditional dominating Brave baseball. They made numerous mistakes in the field - in one game **Greg Maddux** gave up five unearned runs. **Bobby Cox** was fearful of his bullpen and the Marlins explosive lineup chopped the Braves to pieces in six games.

Unfortunately for the Marlins the lineups are similar, and it might seem like a toss-up, although the odds makers give a slight edge to the Marlins (maybe because they have homefield advantage - but really what kinda home field advantage is playing Florida). The important intangible category, which will ultimately decide this series, goes to the Indians.

**Yates – Sandow - They Go Hand in Hand**

Defending Mr. Olympia **Dorian Yates** held off a stiff challenge from 275-pound **Nasser El Sonbaty**. Held in Long Beach, California, Yates was able to capture his sixth straight Mr. Olympia title at the 33rd Joe Weider's, bodybuilding's show of shows. For winning his sixth straight Mr.Olympia title, the 35 year-old Yates earned the coveted Sandow trophy and a paycheck for $110,000. Yates' victory leaves him one shy of **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** total of seven Mr. Olympia titles and two shy of **Lee Haney's** record eight. Asked if he'll return next year, Yates said, "Now is not the time to a make a definitive decision, but I'm pretty sure I'll be back."

**$1,000,000 is yours...**

If an American can run a marathon, on US soil, in under **Bob Kempanien's** United States record of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 55 seconds. The award offered by *New Balance for the American* who breaks Kempanien's record by the greatest margin in 1997. With two major marathons upcoming in the next month, the Chicago marathon this weekend and the New York City marathon in November, one must wonder if anyone can break the mark and earn the million. According to the experts, **Todd Williams**, the most celebrated 10,000-meter runner this decade will make his marathon debut this weekend in Chicago.

The field is loaded, and the rabbits have been asked by defending champion **Paul Evans** of England to establish a race pace of 2:08:30. That would bring Williams home with an extra million in his pocket. Never having traveled 26.2 miles in a race situation, Williams plans on making his move at the twenty-mile mark. If he is near 1:38:20 when he reaches the twenty mile mark, the rest of the field better watch out, because Williams will be on the move with a cool one million on his mind.

**Could the DC United...**

Be ready to win their second consecutive Major League Soccer Title in the league's second year. The United won four straight playoff games against the New York/New Jersey Metro Stars and Columbus Crew to advance to their second consecutive MLS final. The United have now won nine consecutive playoff games dating back to last season. Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, the United's home facility in Washington, DC, will host the MLS Cup '97 on next Sunday the 26th of October.

The United will meet the winner of the Western Conference's Championship series, either the Colorado Rapids or the Dallas Burn.

# Women's soccer improving in final weeks

## *The team travels to Middlebury this weekend*

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several important saves to keep the Buff and Blue in the game.

Just when the ladies thought they might extend their unbeaten streak, Skidmore found a way to slide one past Davey for the overtime victory. It was a disappointing loss for the Continentals who failed to capitalize on several good scoring opportunities.

The leadership of Captain Kerri Goldberg '98 has been extremely important in this, another transition year. Goldberg, anchoring the team from her sweeper position, has a great sense of the field which helps to ignite the Hamilton offense.

Lauren Spoon has done an extraordinary job this season up front. She was charged with filling the large shoes of All-American Christina Robeson '97. Robeson led the team in scoring for all four years and set the all-time Hamilton scoring mark early in her senior year. As it is easy to do, the team relied on Robeson for their offensive punch. They now are looking for new leadership.

They have not had to look far. Spoon has responded by winning the small battles for the ball and out hustling her opponents. It should be just a matter of time before she is able to net her first collegiate goal.

The first years have added a lot to the team. They have helped to increase the overall speed of the team and depth on the bench. As a result, they have seen a lot of playing time.

Adding to the veteran leadership are forward Gretchen Randall '98 and the universal Ashley Davis '98.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

**The women's defense stonewalls the opposition.**

It must be a welcome sight for first-year Hamilton Coach Sue Viscomi to have such a young, talented team.

The team has had some trouble finishing the ball this year, but if the last couple of weeks are any indication, the Buff and Blue are in for some great things during the remainder of this season and next year.

The team is working hard while representing Hamilton in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association

# Men's soccer looks towards postseason

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looking forward to a showdown in the North Country with St. Lawrence.

St. Lawrence proved a worthy opponent for Hamilton. With quick, agile players and a towering goalie, the Saints pressured the Continental defense for much of the game.

At halftime, the score was 0-0, but soon after the break, St. Lawrence blasted a shot past helpless keeper Brian "This MY House" Barker '99. Barker responded to a tough shot with a point-blank save of the Saints' prolific goal scorer. With this tough save, Barker displayed the heady play and quick reflexes that have given him the best goals-against average in the UCAA.

A penalty shot provided the Saints' second and final tally, sending the Continentals home with a disappointing 2-0 loss.

The week culminated in an exciting battle with the 6th nationally ranked Rochester Yellowjackets. Again Hamilton would be tested on both the offensive and defensive halves of the field.

In a play that proved to be Hamilton's best offensive chance, co-captain Brendan "You're DEAD!" Forrest '98 received a pass from Sean "I've got the ball on a string" Donohue '00 and produced a near miss that glanced off the post.

The defense was solid again, with Pete "The Enforcer" Bellard '00, and Peter "Power Thighs" Merkel '99 assuming prominent roles.

The Rochester team was stunned by the cohesion of the Hamilton team, and their astonishment turned to frustration as the Continentals inexorably pressured their defense and punished their attacking players. Yet again Hamilton could not put the ball in the net but still managed a 0-0 draw with a strong Rochester team.

The Hamilton team was helped through another successful week by the unsung efforts of seniors Eric "el Porco" Porcaro '98 and Preston "I somersaulted my way to Spain" Sutton '98. Both players have contributed immeasurably to the success of the team.

Another unsung contribution has been the bench play of seasoned veterans Andrew "The Flemmer Float" Fleming '99 and Artie "The One Man Party" McCann '00, as well as Chris "Curious George" Steed '01 and Dave "Boogs" Bugliari '01.

Hamilton will attempt to continue its success in a crucial match against Colby tomorrow at 11 a.m. The weather is expected to be beautiful, so come out and show your support for the surging men's soccer team on Love Rug.

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# Another week, another loss

## *Football team drops to 0-4*

BY PETER RINGEL '01
SPORTS WRITER

A 33-14 defeat at Bowdoin last week dropped the Continentals to a disappointing 0-4 on the season.

Despite quarterback Robbie Peters' '00 best statistical day of the season, (23-46 for 208 yards and a touchdown) it was not enough as the Continental defense gave up 33 points, the most it had surrendered since the week one loss (38-0) to Amherst.

The running game was outstanding as Karl Knight '00 rushed for a career high 116 yards on 26 carries, while also catching five balls for 60 yards. Knight had the Continentals' two touchdowns, the first on a 14-yard pass from Peters and the second on a 4-yard run with 2:21 left in the game.

"We didn't play well," said Coach Frank. "I don't care what the statistics say. We didn't do the little things, like capitalizing on their mistakes." Frank went on to insist that, "They beat us, but we're the better team. We're in a slump right now and we have to find a way to get out of it."

The 0-4 start for the Continentals is startling. They are clearly a better team than their record indicates, but unfortunately they have not been able to get a victory.

Injuries have definitely played a significant part in Hamilton's struggles this season. The defensive line, primarily Mark Burlingame '98 and Mike Velasquez '98, have been banged up all season, a tough blow to a stalwart defense.

On the offensive line, Clint Textor '99 has also been hampered by injury. Coach Frank remains optimistic, "Our goals remain the same. We want our kids to get better, continue to be tough and aggressive, and work together as a team. Then we'll win some football games."

This week's showdown with Colby at home falls on parents' weekend. The Continentals have enjoyed much success against the White Mules, and look to parlay that past success into their first victory of the season.

"It's my job as a coach to convince them that the losing is a temporary condition, and we have a proud winning tradition here and we'll eventually break out of it," remarked a rather upbeat Frank. "When is eventually? I hope this week!"

The bottom line is that if the Continentals are going to get a victory, then this week's opponent provides their best shot. Colby is 0-4 and though improved this year still has less talent on their roster than the Hamilton team.

If Peters plays well, which I expect he will, then the Continentals will be competition for Colby. In addition, Chris Kelly '98 may return from the separated shoulder he suffered a couple of weeks back.

Although Karl Knight played well last week, Kelly's presence is needed if the Continental running game is to be at full strength against the Colby defense. The Hamilton defense will also be solid this week.

Two 0-4 teams going head-to-head means something has to give.

# Hamilton soccer stalemates ranked powers in three fierce matchups

**Despite a pressing defense, Hamilton is able to score.**

PHOTO BY TOM AYRES '98

BY SAMUEL HERBERT JACKSON '00
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Manfred von Schiller's farewell campaign continued last week, as he navigated the Hamilton men's soccer team to two hard fought draws against nationally ranked opponents and a tough defeat at the hands of the high-powered St. Lawrence Saints. The games, which left the Hamilton squad with a 5-2-3 record, were marked by stingy defenses and intense competition.

The week began with a home contest against Clarkson, which entered the match as the 22nd best Division III team in the country. The Clarkson team came out rather tentatively; the Hamilton team stepped onto the pitch with characteristic intensity.

As Clarkson grew accustomed to the alien surface (Love Field has been aptly called "the concrete beach," a reference to the unforgiving turf and its sandy blanket) and Hamilton settled into their rhythm, the game became a battle between opposing defenses.

Hamilton's back four, led by co-captain Ryan "I Own the Air" Stoddard '98 at stopper, and anchored by Peter "You Best Get OUT My Way" Montgomery '99 at sweeper, was very strong, perhaps bending, but never breaking.

After two long halves and two fifteen minute overtime periods, the score remained 0-0. It was a bittersweet draw for the Continentals, marked by a near miss by Chris "Thug" Tolles '01 in the first of the sudden-death overtime periods, but the team had their heads high—

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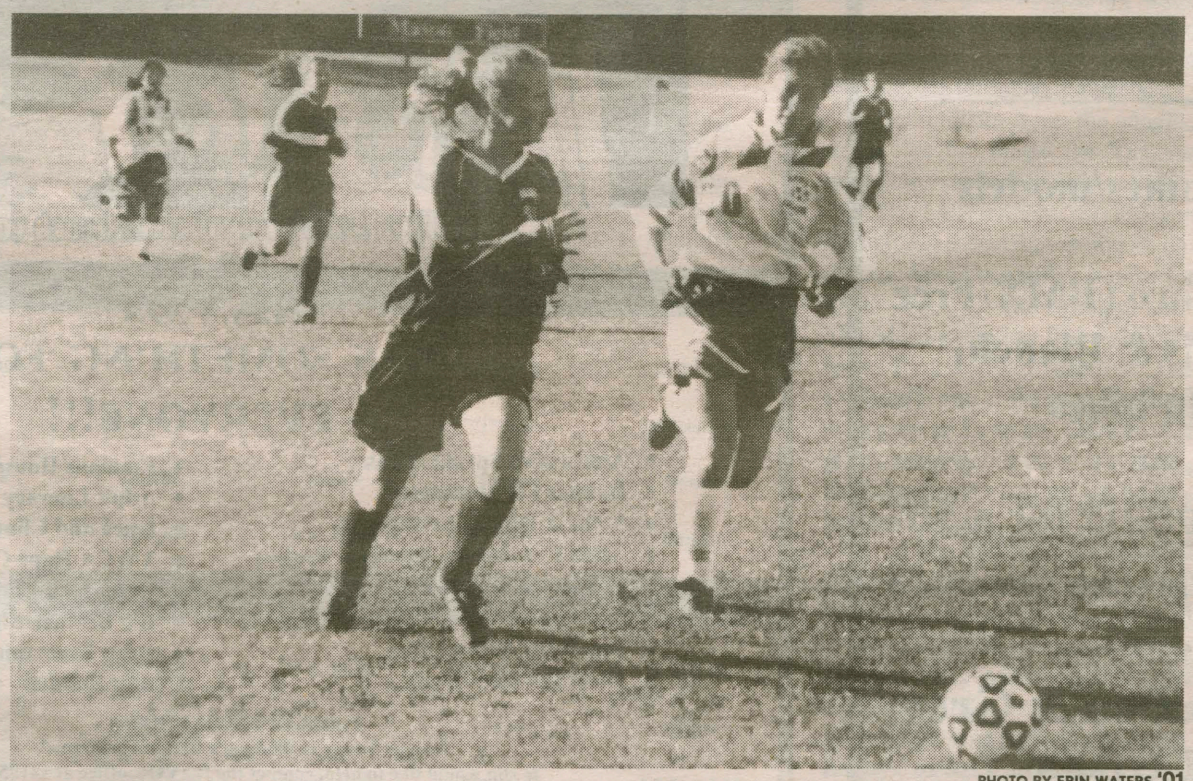
# Women's soccer team has turbulent season

COMPILED BY LUISA MAXWELL '99
&
SPORTS EDITORS

The 1997 women's soccer team has struggled to find their groove. Going into their sixth game, they had yet to score a single goal. The most recent games had similar outcomes to those of the first half of the season, but improvements in individual play were prevalent.

In the first two games, the overall style and play of the team was impressive. There were myriad shots on the opponents nets, and several were nail biters that ended up bouncing of the post on several occasions. Azure Davey '00 started in goal for the team in both games. Other Continentals such as Kerri Goldberg '98 and Lauren Spoon '01 also played well, but the team failed to convert either confrontations into a win.

Clarkson was a better outing for the Hamilton women. Kerri "Shot Killer" Maxwell '99, started as goalie. The Continentals thrust and parried with Clarkson for two periods, but ended up losing in the final fifteen minutes of play. Despite the loss, the women found that they truly could compete with other teams.



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**Women's soccer challenges every opponent with constant hustle.**

The Continentals then squared off against Saints of St. Lawrence Univeristy. Hamilton got on the board early with a strong outside shot from Marcie Parker '00. Sarah Schwob '00 would add an insurance goal for the Continentals when she charged the Saints goal and blistered a shot past the stunned Saints keeper. Davey played another great game between the pipes making many crucial saves down the stretch to preserve the Continental victory.

The team tried to carry the adrenaline rush from the St. Lawrence victory into the game against the second place Skidmore Thoroughbreds on Mason Field. The Continentals played well, and Davey again made

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